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**To:** Members of the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee

**From:** Family & Juvenile Law Section Council (FJLSC)

**Date:** March 14, 2023

**Subject:** **Senate Bill 754:**  
Maryland Wiretap and Electronic Surveillance Reform Workgroup

**Position:** **FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENT**

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The Maryland State Bar Association (MSBA) FJLSC **supports with amendment Senate Bill 754:** Maryland Wiretap and Electronic Surveillance Reform Workgroup.

This testimony is submitted on behalf of the Family and Juvenile Law Section Council (“FJLSC”) of the Maryland State Bar Association (“MSBA”). The FJLSC is the formal representative of the Family and Juvenile Law Section of the MSBA, which promotes the objectives of the MSBA by improving the administration of justice in the field of family and juvenile law and, at the same time, tries to bring together the members of the MSBA who are concerned with family and juvenile laws and in reforms and improvements in such laws through legislation or otherwise. The FJLSC is charged with the general supervision and control of the affairs of the Section and authorized to act for the Section in any way in which the Section itself could act. The Section has over 1,200 attorney members.

The Wiretap & Electronic Surveillance laws are outdated, especially as relates to family law. A Workgroup is a welcome development to look at modernizing Maryland’s law, which has been outpaced by technology.

The FJLSC supports SB 754 with the following proposed amendments:

Page 2, lines 7-8: change to “one attorney licensed to practice in the State who specializes in family law and is a representative of the Maryland State Bar Association Family & Juvenile Law Section”

Page 2, lines 11-12: change to “The Executive Director of the Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence, or the Executive Director’s Designee”.

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