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Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee
The Honorable William C. Smith, Jr.
2 East Miller Senate Building
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Re: Senate Bill – 499 – Workgroup to Study Reentry

Dear Chairman Smith and Members of the Committee,

Senate Bill 499 simply establishes a Workgroup to examine the current role of State and local agencies in the reentry of formerly incarcerated individuals after completing their terms of confinement in State and local prisons. Following the study, the Workgroup will report its findings and provide policy recommendations to improve state reentry efforts. The goal of this Workgroup is to ensure that those who were formerly incarcerated are prepared to be productive members of society and reduce the rate of recidivism. Marylanders should not be punished after serving their time.

I appreciate the Committee's consideration of Senate Bill 499 and will be happy to answer any questions the Committee may have.