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**HB 937**  
**FAVORABLE- Sponsor Testimony**

**Criminal Law – Attempted Second–Degree Murder – Penalty for the purpose of altering the maximum term of imprisonment that may be imposed for the offense of attempted second.**

Dear Chairman Clippinger, Vice Chair Moon and my fellow Members of the Judiciary Committee:

This legislation changes the maximum penalty for imprisonment from 30 years to 40 years for attempted second degree murder. A person who attempts to commit murder in the second degree is guilty of a felony and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 40 years. This change would be in line with the maximum penalty for second degree murder that currently exists.

If a person's intent is to murder someone and they happen to survive, the sentence should not be 10 years less simply because the victim did not die.

This legislation seeks to bring parity in our laws and further protect victims of violent crime here in Maryland.

Thank you for considering this legislation and I urge a favorable report.