



Maryland Chiefs of Police Association Maryland Sheriffs' Association



MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable William C. Smith, Jr., Chair and
Members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee

FROM: Sheriff Darren Popkin, Co-Chair, MSA, Joint Legislative Committee
Andrea Mansfield, Representative, MCPA-MSA Joint Legislative Committee
Natasha Mehu, Representative, MCPA-MSA Joint Legislative Committee

DATE: February 23, 2022

RE: **SB 499 Workgroup to Study Reentry**

POSITION: **SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS**

The Maryland Chiefs of Police Association (MCPA) and the Maryland Sheriffs' Association (MSA) **SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS** SB 499. This bill establishes a workgroup to study reentry.

The charge of the workgroup is to study and make recommendations on the role of state and local agencies in the reentry of previously incarcerated individuals. The workgroup includes a number of members from the state sphere but no local representatives. Several local jails are under the operation of county sheriffs who have knowledge and experience with local reentry. Additionally, local police chiefs would have a perspective to provide that would complement that of the State Police counterparts who are named on the workgroup.

MCPA and MSA, support the desire to improve reentry in the state and ask that the bill be amended to include a representative of the MCPA and the MSA to provide valuable local input.

For these reasons, MCPA and MSA **SUPPORT SB 499** and urge a **FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS** Committee report.