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Testimony from the Maryland State Chapter of the
National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML)

**SUPPORT HB0980 (Criminal Procedure - Probation, Parole, and Pretrial
Release Violations - Cannabis Use)**

Maryland NORML has no paid staff – we are entirely energized by a core group of citizen volunteers and more than 5,000 other Marylanders committed to ending marijuana prohibition and establishing a regulated cannabis commercial market for adults who choose to use marijuana responsibly. I do not now and never have had any stake or investment of any kind in any cannabis enterprise, nor does anyone in my family, and I have never received any fee or remuneration for consulting with any cannabis enterprise. As an organization, we have worked to reform state and federal marijuana laws for more than 50 years.

We strongly support House Bill 980, which would redefine the criminal procedure for defendants in the pretrial, probation, and parole processes from having their release revoked based solely on the use of cannabis.

Marylanders should not be further punished, stigmatized, or disenfranchised for behavior that is no longer a crime.

For these reasons and more, I urge your support for House Bill 980.

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