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TO: The Honorable Luke Clippinger
Chair, Judiciary Committee

FROM: Hannibal G. Williams II Kemerer
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RE: HB661- Workgroup to Study Reentry – **(Support with Amendment)**

The Office of the Attorney General “OAG” requests a friendly amendment and then a favorable report on Delegate Jazz Lewis’ House Bill 661. House Bill 661 establishes the Workgroup to Study Reentry staffed by the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services (GOCPYVS). The workgroup must (1) study 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 correctional facilities; and (2) make recommendations regarding policy changes for improvement of reentry in the State. With the charges of the workgroup in mind, the OAG respectfully requests a friendly amendment that adds the Attorney General or his designee to the Workgroup to Study Reentry.

We respectfully request a favorable report on HB 661, as amended to include the Attorney General or his designee as a member of the Workgroup to Study Reentry.

cc: Committee Members

This bill letter is a statement of the Office of Attorney General’s policy position on the referenced pending legislation. For a legal or constitutional analysis of the bill, Members of the House and Senate should consult with the Counsel to the General Assembly, Sandy Brantley. She can be reached at 410-946-5600 or sbrantley@oag.state.md.us