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To: Members of The House Judiciary Committee  
From: Carrie J. Williams, Chair, Legislative Committee, Criminal Law and Practice  
Section  
Date: 2/17/2023  
Subject: HB411-Criminal Procedure-Violation of Pretrial or Posttrial Condition by  
Incarcerated Person-Victim Contact  
Position: **Support**

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The Legislative Committee of the Criminal Law and Practice Section of the Maryland State Bar Association (MSBA) Supports HB411-Criminal Procedure-Violation of Pretrial or Posttrial Condition by Incarcerated Person-Victim Contact.

This bill clarifies that it is a violation for an incarcerated person to contact someone in violation of a pretrial or posttrial condition. The current language limits the violation to those on pretrial or posttrial *release*. To protect victims of stalking and intimate partner violence, the language should be expanded to prohibit incarcerated persons from violating pre- or posttrial contact provisions.

For the reasons stated, we Support HB411-Criminal Procedure-Violation of Pretrial or Posttrial Condition by Incarcerated Person-Victim Contact. If you have questions about the position of the Criminal Law and Practice Section's Legislative Committee, please feel free to address them to me at [carriej.williams@gmail.com](mailto:carriej.williams@gmail.com).

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