



Working to end sexual violence in Maryland

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Information on House Bill 877
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The Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MCASA) is a non-profit membership organization that includes the State's seventeen rape crisis centers, law enforcement, mental health and health care providers, attorneys, educators, survivors of sexual violence and other concerned individuals. MCASA includes the Sexual Assault Legal Institute (SALI), a statewide legal services provider for survivors of sexual assault. MCASA represents the unified voice and combined energy of all of its members working to eliminate sexual violence.

House Bill 877 – Reentry Success Act

This bill addresses inmates reentering their communities after incarceration. Past iterations of this bill have raised concerns about survivor safety and whether there was sufficient recognition of the dynamics of abusive relationships. MCASA appreciates the work on this issue over interim and notes that HB877 prohibits mediation between the incarcerated person and:

- Victims;
- Those who have requested victim notification (which is open to anyone), and
- People with protective orders, no-contact orders, or stay away orders against the incarcerated individuals.

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MCASA very much appreciates these provisions and no longer opposes this legislation.