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To: Members of The Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee

From: Carrie J. Williams, Chair, Legislative Committee, Criminal Law and Practice

Section Date: 2/17/23

Subject: SB499—Workgroup to Study Reentry

Position: Support

The Legislative Committee of the Criminal Law and Practice Section of the Maryland State Bar Association (MSBA) Supports SB499-Workgroup to Study Reentry.

Successfully reintegrating formerly incarcerated people into society is critical to lowering recidivism, which in turn is critical to crime prevention and public safety. Studying the role of State agencies in assisting people who recently completed their terms of confinement is important and necessary. As is making recommendations to improve reentry in Maryland.

For the reasons stated, we Support SB499-Workgroup to Study Reentry. 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.

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