



Unitarian Universalist Legislative Ministry of Maryland

Testimony in Support of SB 132: Correctional Services – Medical Parole – Life Imprisonment

TO: Senator Will Smith, Jr. Chair and Members of the Judicial Proceedings
Committee
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The state-wide Unitarian Universalist Legislative Ministry asks for a favorable vote for **SB 132: Correctional Services – Medical Parole – Life Imprisonment.**

This bill is a humanitarian bill which provides a process that can be applied to an incarcerated person who is "chronically debilitated or incapacitated" to be removed from the prison setting into the Medical Parole system. An evaluation, which can be performed at any time during the person's sentence, must find the person to be in an extreme condition of physically incapable of presenting a danger to society before being released to medical parole. All aspects of such a condition are thoroughly addressed in the bill; for example. location. of new site, family involvement; change in state of health, etc.

The Unitarian Universalist Ministry believes in applying the use of compassion, equity, and justice to life's needs and this is such a situation.

Please vote yes to SB132.

Respectfully submitted
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