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To whom it may concern:

My name Davida Bradford. I am in support of SB 0134 Correctional Ombudsman. I am a victim of abuse from prison guards at a correctional facility. I went to see my husband at North Branch Correctional Institution in Cumberland Maryland. As a civilian, I was physically assaulted by 2 guards with no fault to my own. The other guards stood and laughed among themselves. I can only imagine how the inmates are being treated. I wrote to the warden but I received no response. I never got an apology or anything. If visitors are not safe then it probably safe to say that neither are the inmates. Despite the fact that they are there for punishment, it does not mean that they should not be safe and protected. It is bad enough that the inmates need protection from gangs, now protection is needed from the staff. This bill needs to be in place to protect the inmates and visitors. I am offering assistance to help facilitated the passing of this bill.

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