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## MARYLAND JUDICIAL COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee  
**FROM:** Legislative Committee  
Suzanne D. Pelz, Esq., Staff  
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**RE:** Senate Bill 858  
Revenge Porn – Civil Action and Reporting Requirement  
**DATE:** February 15, 2024  
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### COMMENT PAPER

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The Judiciary respects the separation of powers doctrine and acknowledges that the legislature is the policy-making branch. As such, the Judiciary has no position on the policy aims of this legislation and defers to the legislative branch on such matters.

Although the Judiciary takes no position on Senate Bill 858, the Judiciary observes that “court of competent jurisdiction” is not defined. If the General Assembly intends the reference to “a court of competent jurisdiction” to include the District Court, the General Assembly would need to amend the District Court’s equitable powers as currently a District Court cannot grant injunctive relief.

cc. Hon. Katie Fry Hester  
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