

BILL NO: Senate Bill 1095

TITLE: Workgroup on Home Detention Monitoring

COMMITTEE: Judicial Proceedings **HEARING DATE:** February 28, 2024

POSITION: Favorable with Amendments

The Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence (MNADV) is the state domestic violence coalition that brings together victim service providers, allied professionals, and concerned individuals for the common purpose of reducing intimate partner and family violence and its harmful effects on our citizens. MNADV urges the Judicial Proceedings Committee to issue a favorable report with amendments on SB 1095.

MNADV would request that the bill be amended to include "The Executive Director of the Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence, or their designee.

Senate Bill 1095 establishes the Workgroup on Home Detention Monitoring to study and make recommendations regarding the costs and availability of both publicly and privately provided pretrial home detention monitoring systems.

Notably missing from the composition of members of the Task Force are members and representatives of the victim community. MNADV believes that it is imperative that a workgroup studying home detention monitoring include representation from the communities directly impacted by the crimes that necessitate the need for home detention monitoring. MNADV represents the nineteen comprehensive domestic violence programs in Maryland. These programs are required to provide abuser intervention services to those who have committed violence and could be on home detention monitoring. The programs we represent offer services to those that are victims of domestic violence, those who have committed domestic violence, and victims that are criminalized. It is crucial that these voices are at the table.

For the above stated reasons, the Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence urges a favorable report with amendments on SB 1095.