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Testimony in Support of Senate Bill SB 860 – Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services – Study on Location of Individuals Prior to and Following Incarceration

Chair Smith, Vice Chair Waldstreicher, & Members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to present SB 860. There are currently 16,124 individuals incarcerated in Maryland Correctional Facilities across the state. The three Correctional facilities in Washington County house over 4,600 of these individuals, nearly 29%. While there are many schools of thought regarding reentry and recidivism, we can all agree that finding the best and most successful path forward for these individuals is something for which we should strive.

SB 860 requires the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to conduct an annual study that examines and compares certain data regarding an individual's residence prior to incarceration and on release from a State Correctional Facility. While we collectively strive to set these individuals up for a better life and future, it is important that we understand more about the entry and reentry process of our correctional facilities throughout the State.

Thank you for your consideration as I respectfully ask for a favorable report on SB 860.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "P.D. Corderman".

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