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POSITION ON PROPOSED LEGISLATION

BILL: SB 0134 Office of the Attorney General- Correctional Ombudsman Unit

FROM: Maryland Office of the Public Defender

POSITION: Favorable

DATE: 02/06/2024

The Maryland Office of the Public Defender respectfully requests that the Committee issue a favorable report on Senate Bill 0134.

Incarcerated people are subject to inhuman conditions and treatment during their time of incarceration. When complaints are made, those complaints are ignored because incarcerated people are forced to submit complaints to the very agency that is responsible for maintaining the problematic conditions in the first place. The Office of the Public Defender is submitting testimony on behalf of incarcerated people in support of this bill. We feel this testimony will show why SB0134 should be passed.

For these reasons, the Maryland Office of the Public Defender urges this Committee to issue a favorable report on Senate Bill 0134.

Submitted by: Maryland Office of the Public Defender, Government Relations Division.

