



THE SENATE OF MARYLAND
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Testimony of Senator Jill P. Carter
In Favor of SB0728 Correctional Services - Parole Supervision Fees
and Drug and Alcohol Abuse Test Payment - Repeal
On February 28th 2024

Mr. Chairman, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee:

Parole supervision fees and mandatory drug/alcohol testing costs create significant obstacles for individuals attempting to rebuild their lives post-incarceration. For many, these fees represent an insurmountable barrier to successful reintegration. Requiring individuals to pay for necessary services like drug testing disproportionately affects those already struggling financially, perpetuating cycles of poverty and recidivism.

By repealing these requirements, we can foster a more equitable and effective system of reentry and rehabilitation. Removing financial barriers will enable individuals on parole to focus on constructive activities such as securing employment, housing, and accessing education or treatment programs. This, in turn, will promote public safety by reducing the likelihood of reoffending and enhancing community stability. These measures, if repealed, will alleviate undue financial burdens on individuals striving to reintegrate into society after incarceration.

I urge this committee to give a favorable report on SB0728. Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

Jill P. Carter