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THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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The Honorable William C. Smith, Jr
Chair, Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee
East Miller Senate Office Building, Room 2
6 Bladen St
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Chair William C. Smith, Jr,

On behalf of the majority of the Women Legislators of Maryland members, we are writing to support **SB391 Criminal Law – Sexual Extortion, Stalking, and Revenge Porn – Statute of Limitations and In Banc Review.**

This bill provides that the State may institute a prosecution for sexual extortion, stalking, or revenge porn at any time and providing that, for purposes of the Maryland Constitution, a person who commits sexual extortion, stalking, or revenge porn shall be deemed to have committed a misdemeanor whose punishment is confinement in the penitentiary and may reserve a point or question for a certain in banc review. This legislation ensures that those who seek harm through the listed offenses are prosecuted through imprisonment or fines. The Women Legislators of Maryland fully support the safety and well-being of women and, therefore, offer full support for this bill.

Sincerely,

Delegate Edith J. Patterson
President