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Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee
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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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EXPLANATION: Senate Bill 860 will require the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to conduct a study on the location of individuals before and following incarceration in a State correctional facility. The study shall include data on an individual's residence prior to incarceration compared with their home plan county at release from the DOC

COMMENTS:

- The Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services' (Department) Division of Correction operates 13 State correctional facilities housing offenders sentenced to periods of incarceration for 18 months and longer. The Department also oversees five facilities located in Baltimore City that houses pretrial detainees and incarcerated individuals sentenced to incarceration for periods of 18 months and less.
- A report may be generated, however, it is important to note the data points being requested are self-reported by the individual and may be inaccurate or the individual may decline to provide the information. As such, the data of the report may not be reliable and incomplete information will result in null fields and not be a clear representation.
- In addition, release home plans are only required for individuals being released on Parole and Mandatory Supervision, so home plans are not available for all releases. As such, the report will not include all releases.

CONCLUSION: The Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services respectfully requests the Committee consider this information as it deliberates Senate Bill 860.