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The Honorable Luke Clippinger
Chair, House Judiciary Committee
House Office Building, Room 101
6 Bladen St
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Chair Luke Clippinger,

On behalf of the majority of the Women Legislators of Maryland members, we are writing to support **HB115 Criminal Procedure – Victims’ Rights – Notification of Release From Confinement (Jaycee Webster Victims’ Rights Act)**.

This bill requires a certain commitment unit to include in a notification given to a victim, victim's representative, or witness regarding the release from confinement of a sentenced defendant or child respondent the name and telephone number of the lead victim services employee of the State's Attorney's office of the county in which the sentenced defendant or child respondent was prosecuted. This legislation ensures that notifications of release include the contact information of the lead victim services employee of the State’s Attorney’s office. The Women Legislators of Maryland fully support the safety and protection of victims and, therefore, offer full support for this bill.

Sincerely,

Delegate Edith J. Patterson
President