

My name is Roberta Vieira, and I am a small business owner in Wheaton, Md. Over the past few years, my business has been robbed four times recently. Every other day, shoplifters hit my business and product are picked up from the shelves, these individuals are addicted to heroin and Fentanyl and the police is not able to able to apprehend them. These crimes have not only caused me financial strain but also emotional distress. I fully support State Bill SB 1075, which aims to strengthen criminal prosecution against the sale and distribution of these deadly drugs in Maryland. I believe that this bill will help protect small business owners like myself and prevent further robberies and crimes committed by individuals under the influence of heroin and Fentanyl. Thank you for considering this crucial legislation.