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Maryland House Judiciary Committee
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Dear Chairman Delegate Clippinger, Senator Smith, and Members of the Judiciary Committee,

My name is Peyton Gray and I live in Greenbelt, Maryland. I am a Pastor in the Bowie md area and am very concerned about incarcerated inmates, I would love to see the bill passed and inmates treated with more humane. I look forward to the passing of the bill. I am writing to support HB565 and SB0036 because I want to see more accountability when it comes to our state jails, there are too many bad reports about what goes on in our jails. I have had a son in custody and now a friend, the stories they shared made me made, made to do something and now something is here.

I think an oversight board investigating deaths in custody is important for protecting the lives and safety of Marylanders because it is very much needed.

Thank you, Chairman Delegate Clippinger and the Judiciary Committee, Chairman Senator Will Smith and the Judicial Proceedings Committee, Sponsor Delegate Simmons, and Sponsor Senator Benson, for hearing my voice. Too many people are dying in government custody in this state. Worse, Maryland residents know very little about what's happening to their loved ones. This bill will help. I urge you to support HB565 and SB0036.

Sincerely,

Peyton Gray