

SB0291 Criminal Procedure – Petition to Reduce Sentence (Maryland Second Look Act)

Testimony of Denise Geiger – Unfavorable

To: Legislators.

I am a victim of a violent crime [Murder] in Maryland, that happened over 10 years ago.

This letter is in response to the proposed Bill SB.857;

I am adamantly apposed !

A perpetrator is assumed Innocent until proven Guilty in a fair court of law, in the USA.

One Judge or One Jury can make that determination.

At that point, the issue is over and closed.

The only time this Bill might have "some very small possible" merit is, if there is new **absolute** findings- like DNA.

But to just allow all incarcerated to Re-open their case in the future, for the sake of a possible change in decision is -

- a **significant offense** to the original Victim.

- causes way too much **angst & emotional stress** on Victims who have already suffered enough !

- really... so **who** is the Victim here ?

- allows lawyers to open/represent cases for more **income**, that is crazy.

- will tie up too much of the **court system time**, that is already incredibly slow now anyway.

- just because the jail system population is **crowded**, is not a reason to allow incarcerated out on the streets.

[they already have too many rights and nice living conditions , and that should be dialed back anyway]

- I firmly believe our **punishment system** is way way too easy and light on criminals already.

- if the **legislators** who propose this ridiculous Bill **were ever a Victim** of violent crime, they would understand my point !

- by the way, i am also apposed to any form of early Parole release.

- let the **criminal serve their time as of the original sentencing.**

Please vote **unfavorable on SB0291**

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