



Unitarian Universalist Legislative Ministry of Maryland

Testimony in Support of SB 648 : Correctional Services – Medical Parole – Life Imprisonment

TO: Senator Will Smith, Jr., Chair
Members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee
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The state-wide Unitarian Universalist Legislative Ministry asks for a favorable vote for **HB 185: Correctional Services – Medical Parole – Life Imprisonment.**

This bill is a humanitarian bill which provides a process that can be applied to an incarcerated person who is "chronically debilitated or incapacitated" to be removed from the prison setting into the Medical Parole system. An evaluation, which can be performed at any time during the person's sentence, must find the person in an extreme condition being physically incapable of presenting a danger to society before being released to medical parole.

The Unitarian Universalist Ministry believes in applying the use of compassion, equity, and justice to life's needs and this is such a situation.

Please vote yes to **SB 648**

Respectfully submitted
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