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Justice or for Geri

The application of Justice should be representative of the *Violent Act* - **MURDER!!**

Please accept my apologies if the pictures upset you. I am trying to convey to you the importance of passing stricter laws in Maryland in the acts of heinous and violent 1st or 2nd degree murder.



It's Time to **BALANCE** Maryland's Scales of Justice
for **ALL** Victims

Thank You for Supporting **SB735**

ELIMINATE Diminution Credits used towards Time Served in 1st Degree Murder

Time to STOP Maryland's Judicial Misjustice and Leniency on Major Felonies-Violent Crimes

STOP! REDUCING TIME OF INCARCERATION for 1st & 2nd Degree Felony Murder Cases!

Our present judicial system serves as an enabler to offenders. Our governing laws are in-need of a make-over to reflect a "no-nonsense-tolerance" stance in the crime of 1st & 2nd degree **Murder**.

The scales of justice are unbalanced. It is time to equalize the distribution of what governing officials call "justice for all" - balance the scales for all victims.

I am here to request the elimination of dim credits used to reduce time served in convictions of felony 1st & 2nd degree murder cases.

Equal & Fair Justice should not be contingent on race – a certain racial population spending longer time incarcerated, or your party affiliation, or the age of the victim, or the protection of certain workers, or the cost to the system due to overcrowding; **OR**... because you were a close friend of a highly ranking government official – like Gov. Wes Moore.

In January of last year, the LaPere family whose daughter Pava, was rape and murdered, testified before this committee for their bill to: **Eliminate Diminution Credits of a Term of Confinement in the act of First-Degree Rape and First-Degree Sexual Offense.**

Within 4 months from the time it was presented, **The Pava Act** - was signed into law by Wes Moore. And as he signed, he stated 'she was my friend.'

I started this battle in 2015, after learning of my killer's early parole due to Dims Credits. For 10 years, I've testified before this committee to pass Geri's Law that eliminates Dims Credits in First Degree heinous violent murder cases and you either vote against it or in most cases it isn't even presented for consideration. The only difference in The Pava Act and Geri's Law is the act of the crime 1st degree rape vs 1st degree murder.

This state has the most lenient laws for murder. Victims of all heinous violent crimes are very **used to reduce time served** state law, sentencing offenders convicted of murder whose victims are 16yrs. and younger, are **NOT** allowed to earn diminution credits to be used towards time served. However, if the victim is over 16yrs., the offender may earn Dims Credits. **WHY?**

If this is to keep our prison personnel safe within the environment then you've already lost the control. It's time to re-evaluate and restructure the entire system, diminution credits can be earned and used within the facility while incarcerated – **NOT TOWARDS EARLY RELEASE!** And, if anyone is interested I have a proposal.

Our family may not be close friends of Wes Moore, but he should remember he's the governor appointed to serve and provide fair and equal justice to all citizens of this state – not just to his personal friends. Our mom was a loving, law-abiding, tax paying citizen, just as Pava was. To the LaPere family, please know our family know the pain you went through due to the violence and loss of your daughter, and we are glad Pava's Act was passed.

Our family want and deserves the same equal justice as the La Pere family.

Please, for the safety of all in our communities, please pass Geri's Law- **Eliminate Diminution Credits** in reducing time served for the charge of 1st degree murder.