

I am the widow of Mark Frey. He and two of his co-workers were murdered at Columbia Machine on June 9, 2022. A 4<sup>th</sup> wounded man escaped and a police officer was shot as well. The killer who stalked, planned, and carried out this heinous slaughter was coddled by the State of Maryland. He was not prosecuted or sentenced. It was a doctor who decided that he was not responsible for his actions during the split second that he fired more than 30 rounds into 4 unarmed men. He was placed in a hospital and just 20 days later he was eligible for release. No jury has ever heard this case. No justice has been served.

Last year I testified on senate bill 554 regarding the not criminally responsible. I was confident that by bringing the antiquated laws to your attention that you would act and do the right thing. I was terribly mistaken. You failed us. You are aware of how your laws affect murder victims, yet you CHOSE not to make any change.

Allowing a murderer the right to request release once a year is absurd. Victims never get justice, closure, or any peace of mind. Everyday there's a chance that I'll get that next notice that killer Joe is being considered for release again. Any bit of healing is gone and I'm right back to June 9<sup>th</sup>.

Under the U.S Constitution, Mark, CJ, and Josh were entitled to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. An unprovoked killer took those rights. And in return, Maryland protects the killer and victimizes the families left behind. Anyone who takes a life is pure evil and they need to be kept where they cant hurt anyone else. You cannot fix them.

Maryland laws must be updated. You must use common sense and keep killers where they belong. Your constituents are not safe. Your families are not safe. Maryland owes citizens the right to be safe from evil.