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**Written Testimony Submitted to the Maryland Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee
HB 1156 - Correctional Services - Maryland Parole Commission –
Members and Hearing Examiners
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SUPPORT

AFT Maryland asks for an unfavorable report on HB 1156. This legislation poses a threat to the hearing and examination officers' positions within the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS). The bill's provisions could result in the elimination of their positions.

HB 1156 does not include provisions for the retention or reassignment of these employees, leaving them with uncertainty regarding their professional futures. At a time when recruitment and retention within public service positions are already difficult, passing legislation that threatens job security for dedicated public servants is counterproductive.

I urge the committee to carefully consider the unintended consequences of HB 1156 and to reject this bill in the interest of fairness, due process, and the preservation of a skilled workforce within DPSCS. The state must protect these employees rather than enact policies that will cost them their state positions.

AFT Maryland again asks for an unfavorable report on HB 1156

