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February 19, 2025

TO: The Honorable Will Smith, Jr.  
Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee

FROM: Adam Spangler  
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RE: Senate Bill 811 - Task Force on the Creation of a Division of Returning  
Citizens and Expanded Reentry Services - Extension of Report Deadline and  
Task Force – **Support**

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The Office of the Attorney General (OAG) urges the Committee to favorably report on **Senate Bill 811**. This bill extends the Task Force on the Creation of a Division of Returning Citizens and Expanded Reentry Services' duration from June 30, 2026, to June 30, 2027, and pushes back the deadline for the submission of the required Task Force report from December 31, 2025, to October 31, 2026. The OAG values its membership on this Task Force and is committed to the importance of producing high-quality work.

As mandated by the passage of House Bill 1037/Chapter 937 of 2024, the Task Force must: (1) identify and assess the reentry services available in the state; (2) identify gaps in the current reentry services provided; (3) assess the indicators of successful reentry; (4) ensure that the task force's recommendations consider returning citizens of all genders equally; (5) develop a plan to establish a Division of Returning Citizens within the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) for specified purposes; and (6) create a plan to expand certain services for individuals in the state after their release from incarceration.

By extending the deadlines for the Task Force, more time will be available to ensure that the Task Force is able to carry out its mandated duties and that a quality report is prepared for the General Assembly.

For the above reasons, the Office of the Attorney General requests a favorable report on **Senate Bill 811**.

cc: Members of the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee

## **Sponsor Testimony**

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**Testimony of Senator Mary-Dulany James**  
**In Support of SB 811 – Task Force on the Creation of a Division of Returning Citizens and**  
**Expanded Reentry Services – Extension of Report Deadline and Task Force**  
**Before the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee**  
**February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

Dear Chair Smith, Vice Chair Waldstreicher, and Members of the Committee,

In the 2024 Legislative Session, Senate Bill 1036 established a task force that examines re-entry services in the state and the feasibility of creating a division of returning citizens within the division of the department of public safety and correctional services. The bill passed both chambers unanimously.

The task force began its work in October of 2024, and it quickly became evident that the scope and the amount of work needed to adequately address the needs of Maryland's returning citizens will require time beyond the report due date.

I come before you today presenting Senate Bill 811, which simply requests an extension on the original submission deadline of the task force report from December 31st, 2025, to October 31st, 2026. This extension will allow for a comprehensive assessment and thorough report from the task force regarding Maryland's commitment to successful re-entry and reduced recidivism.

I appreciate the Committee's consideration of Senate Bill 811 and ask for a Favorable Report.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary-Dulany James". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Senator Mary-Dulany James

# **Written Testimony for HB 646\_SB 811\_ Task Force o**

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Written Testimony for **HB 646/SB 811**: Task Force on the Creation of a Division of Returning Citizens and Expanded Reentry Services - Extension of Report Deadline and Task Force - Please **VOTE NO** on this bill.

Dear Judiciary Committee and Judicial Proceedings Committee:

This bill reads "...Extending the deadline for the reporting requirement for the Task Force on the Creation of a Division of Returning Citizens and Expanded Reentry Services to be October 31, 2026; and extending the termination date for the Task Force to be June 30, 2027..."

The original dates of this bill were "...On or before **December 31, 2025** OCTOBER 31, 2026, the Task Force shall, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, submit a report to the General Assembly of its findings and recommendations. SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 9, 2024. It shall remain effective for a period of [2] 3 years and 1 month and, at the end of **June 30, [2026]** 2027, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect..."

There is no reason for the State of Maryland to extend deadlines that directly oppose President Trump's efforts, other than political advantage. Since foreign immigrants entered our country illegally, we have seen an increase in crime, an increase in drugs, especially Fentanyl, and an increase in Fentanyl related deaths, just to name a few of the negative effects. If the State of Maryland enacts legislation that directly opposes President Trump's efforts, then we stand to lose vast sums of money in federal funding, which will be even worse for our State. These citizens of foreign nations need to be returned to their countries of origin as soon as possible, because they entered our country illegally.

Therefore, please **VOTE NO** on this bill and show the citizens of Maryland that you do not want to jeopardize our way of living by doing anything to keep illegal criminals in our State and jeopardize any and all programs that receive federal funding.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

Trudy Tibbals

A Very Concerned Mother of 3 and Maryland Resident

