

March 25, 2025

The Honorable William C. Smith, Jr.
Chair, Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee
2 East Miller Senate Office Building, 11
Bladen Street Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: HB 853 – Post Conviction Review – Procedure to Reduce Duration of Sentence (Maryland Second Look Act) – Unfavorable

Dear Chair Smith:

Giving an automatic chance at Parole for an adult between 18 - 25 who committed a horrendous crime after 20 years makes no sense.

They are adults. They can vote, marry, and join the military. So, we know they can make rational decisions.

Also, it is about protecting society and providing justice to the victim and their families. Like our son Walter Woods who was senselessly shot and killed by an Illegal Alien who was allowed to sell drugs while armed by Homeland Security and Maryland State Police.

Additionally, this measure will be using Legislative Judgement to take place of what a Judge decision was, he or she sat through a trial, saw all the evidence and made a decision. What is the purpose of that?

As victims of this crime 40 years or more is somewhat equitable. (Probably not) My son is gone forever, Irreplaceable. There are consequences for your actions, and we need our people and young Adults protected not slaughtered by criminals. Help us protect our Youth.

This Proposal makes No sense. Make criminals who get these sentences work to earn good time and a chance at Parole.

Thanks, please call if need more.

Sincerely,

Walter and Sherron Woods
Parents of Walter Woods
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