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## MARYLAND JUDICIAL COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** House Judiciary Committee  
**FROM:** Legislative Committee  
Suzanne D. Pelz, Esq.  
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**RE:** Senate Bill 466  
Criminal Law – Financial Exploitation of Vulnerable and Senior  
Adults  
**DATE:** March 20, 2025  
(3/25)  
**POSITION:** Oppose, as drafted

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The Maryland Judiciary appreciates the amendments to Senate Bill 466 which alleviate many of the Judiciary's original concerns. The Judiciary, however, still has concerns with the mandatory concurrent language on page 11, lines 12 through 15. The Judiciary traditionally opposes legislation that includes mandatory provisions. The Judiciary believes it is important for judges to weigh the facts and circumstances for each individual case when imposing a sentence. Provisions that place restrictions on the judge prevent the judge from considering factors unique to the case.

cc. Hon. Bill Ferguson  
Judicial Council  
Legislative Committee  
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