

**Favorable with Amendments Response to HB653
Correctional Services - Transfers to Federal Authorities - Undocumented Immigrants
(Protecting Marylanders From Violent Crime Act of 2025)**

Families Advocating Intelligent Registries (FAIR) seeks rational, constitutional sexual offense laws and policies for persons accused and convicted of sexual offenses. We are not taking a stance regarding deportation but do wish to register a concern that this bill purporting to protect people from violent felony crimes would be scooping up a large number of nonviolent offenders.

The new Correctional Services 9-309(5) would apply to nearly every sexual offense in Maryland. A large percentage of the offenses that would be included are not violent, and a number are misdemeanors. Section 9-309(4) already captures aggravated felonies as defined in 8 U.S.C. § 1101, which in turn includes 18 USC 16 which defines a crime of violence as

- a) an offense that has as an element the use, attempted use, or threatened use of physical force against the person or property of another, or
- b) any other offense that is a felony and that, by its nature, involves a substantial risk that physical force against the person or property of another may be used in the course of committing the offense.

For these reasons, FAIR asks that 9-309(5) be removed from the bill, should it move forward.

Sincerely,



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