

Maryland State House of Representatives

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Bill #HB 1282 “Uploading Criminal Activity on Social Media Application- Prohibition”

“Also known as “Makenzi’s Law”

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You have been elected and earned the right to make truly important decisions concerning our Youth and Adults. Bill #HB 1282 “Makenzi’s Law’s” will deter or punish those who video and upload content that promotes or involves a crime. We have all been witness to repeated videos of crimes and bullying. Sadly this is a type of propaganda trying to change everyone’s opinion of the truth and is very hurtful and demoralizing for those involved. It is wrong and needs to be prohibited or the perpetrator needs to be punished. The worse thing about unlawful videos is that they are repeated over and over so the subject of the video is demoralized over and over again. It can be used as a form of Bullying. This can cause a person to feel isolated, have self loathing, or cause depression. Possibly leading to suicide, or even mass shootings. My hope is that Makenzi’s Law will act as a deterrent or punishment for uploading crimes. It has been Lawless up until now. Accountability is crucial. Please consider it can happen to anyone, including someone you love. I truly believe we need more kindness and less tragedy in our lives. Please pass Bill # HB 1282.

With appreciation and kindness,

Barb Howard