

**House Bill 1433**  
**Chairman, Mr. Luke Clippinger**  
**House Judiciary**  
**Dated: February 24, 2025**

**Dear Chairman, Clippinger and Members of the Committee.**

**I support HB-1433. The policy of trying, convicting, and sentencing young youth as adults.**

**First, there is no excuse for the behavior of youth and the things that they do. It is not acceptable today, and when I was a child, it was not then acceptable.**

**In 1967, living in the DMV, Channel 5 had a phrase that came on at 10:00 pm which said:” “DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOUR CHILDREN ARE?”**

**Therefore, I acknowledge the necessity of accountability back then and I believe our young youth need to be accountable for their behavior as well. We must also realize that many lack positive influences and resources. Compassion should guide us in allowing judges the discretion to determine the appropriate venue for young offenders, whether juvenile or adult, on a case-by-case basis.**

**Based upon the above, Mr. Chairman, I urge you and the Committee to support HB-1433 to end the harmful practice of charging young youth as adults in Maryland.**

**Thank you for your consideration.**

**His Servant in the Midst of the Struggle,**

**Reverend Charles Y. Davis, Jr.**

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