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Delegate Luke Clippinger, Chair
Judiciary Committee
100 Taylor House Office Building
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: Letter of Support on HB588 – Juveniles – Reportable Offenses

Dear Chairman Clippinger and Committee Members,

Over the past year, Harford County has had two high school students arrested and convicted of murdering another student. The students in both cases were known to law enforcement before the horrendous crimes of murder were committed. One of those students ended up being a member of the violent MS13 gang. Two murderers walked the halls of Harford County public schools, and in each instance their violent propensities were known to authorities but not shared with parents or teachers.

House Bill 588 will keep all public schools in Maryland from having to experience the same tragedies. The bill requires the Department of Juvenile Services to notify the Superintendent and Principal of a student's school if the student has been arrested for a reportable offense and the disposition of any charges resulting from the arrest. It also requires the Department to notify the school if the student is a member or has any relationship with a gang, such as MS13.

It is imperative that law enforcement, schools, and parents have the information and options they need to keep dangerous students apart from their innocent and unsuspecting classmates. I respectfully request that the Judiciary Committee report favorably on HB588.

Thank you.

Yours truly,


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