TESTIMONY ON HB853 MARYLAND SECOND LOOK ACT

House Judicial Committee February 14, 2025

SUPPORT

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Chair Clippinger, Vice Chair Barlett and members of the Judicial Committee:

I, Daniel Golombek am testifying in support of HB853, the Maryland Second Look Act. I am submitting this testimony as a community member in District 11.

The Maryland Second Look Act would address the state's great race disparities and advance public safety by allowing people with extreme sentences who have served at least two decades the opportunity to petition the court to modify or reduce their sentence based on their demonstrated rehabilitation.

It is a pragmatic strategy that offers people an incentive to maintain good behavior. It would contribute to the reduction of prison overcrowding and diminish threats of violence. It would also ensure that people who have transformed over the years can positively contribute to their communities.

For these reasons, I encourage you to vote **favorably** on the **Maryland Second Look Act HB853**.

Thank you.