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Testimony on SB0710 (Correctional Retirement)

Position: FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS

Committee: House Appropriations

Date: Wednesday, April 8, 2026

"Good afternoon, Chair and members of the Committee. My name is Nicole McDonald. I'm a mom from Baltimore, and I'm here today because I see right through the 'funny math' being played with our workers' lives.

I am **Favorable with Amendments** on SB0710. I see the sponsors of this bill acting like they are doing the workers a huge favor by 'allowing' them to keep their money. But let's be clear: the state never should have been 'clawing it back' in the first place.

The state is treating these earned pensions like a personal piggy bank they can dip into whenever they feel like it. If a person puts in 20 years in a high-stress, dangerous job like corrections, that money belongs to **them**. It shouldn't matter if they flip burgers or serve as a bailiff—you don't get a 'discount' on a promise you already made.

The calculation is the problem, not the workers. To sit here and say it 'costs the state money' to stop stealing a piece of a retiree's pension is insulting. These officers aren't 'double-dipping'—they are collecting what they earned and then picking up a second job to help our short-staffed courts.

The state needs to budget properly from day one instead of counting on these 'clawbacks' to balance the books on the backs of retirees. You've got a Rainy Day Fund with **\$2.2 billion** sitting in it—y'all don't have a problem managing *that* money. Stop playing games with the people who kept us safe.

I urge a Favorable with Amendments report. Thank you."

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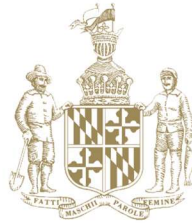
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**Testimony In Support of SB 710 - Correctional Officers' Retirement System - Reemployment
After Retirement - Exemption from Earnings Offset**

Chair Guzzone, Vice Chair Rosapepe, and Members of the Budget & Tax Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to present SB 710. SB 710 removes an unnecessary barrier that prevents experienced state retirees from returning to work in public service. SB 710 will exempt retired correctional officers from the limitation in retirement allowances for individuals who return to employment with a participating employer. SB 710 bill makes it possible for skilled, knowledgeable professionals to step back into the workforce without being financially penalized. At a time when many agencies face staffing shortages and institutional experience gaps, this is a practical and timely solution.

SB 710 provides balance to retirees by allowing them to receive the benefits they have earned, strengthens the workforce, and helps government operate more effectively for the people it serves.

Thank you for your consideration of this bill, and we respectfully request a favorable report on SB 710.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. D. Corderman".

Senator Paul D. Corderman – District 2, Washington & Frederick Counties