



OUT FOR JUSTICE

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB0305:

Qualifying Nonprofit Organizations - Incarcerated Individual Training and Reentry Grant Fund - Extension

TO: Members of the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee

FROM: Out For Justice, Inc.

DATE: January 30, 2026

Members of the Committee,

Out for Justice, Inc. respectfully submits this testimony in support of Senate Bill 305. Out for Justice is a Baltimore based grassroots organization founded and led by formerly incarcerated individuals, working to dismantle employment barriers and end perpetual punishment by advancing policies that support successful reentry.

Our mission is to engage, educate, and empower individuals impacted by the legal system to build collective power for dismantling systemic oppression and harmful policies. We strive to humanize marginalized communities, prevent criminalization, reduce recidivism and promote second chances and successful reintegration through advocacy, education and supportive programming..

Access to stable, skilled employment is central to our mission and one of the most effective tools for successful reentry, economic stability, and long term public safety. Our members consistently identify meaningful employment as the difference between stability and continued system involvement. SB0305 directly supports this goal by extending through fiscal year 2029 the Governor's authority to fund qualifying nonprofit organizations that provide automotive repair training and reentry assistance to incarcerated and formerly incarcerated individuals.

This legislation maintains clear accountability standards while ensuring continuity for programs that deliver measurable employment outcomes. At a time when Maryland faces workforce shortages and the ongoing impacts of mass incarceration, SB0305 represents a smart, targeted investment that benefits returning citizens, employers, and communities statewide.

For these reasons, Out for Justice respectfully urges a favorable report.

Out for Justice, Inc.