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Chair Wells
Vice Chair Kerr
House Government, Labor, and Elections Committee
145 Lowe House Office Building
142 Lowe House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

**FAV Written Testimony for House Bill 1340 Prison Education Delivery Reform
Commission Codification**

Dear Chair Wells, Vice Chair Kerr, and Members of the House Name of the Government, Labor, and Elections Committee,

The importance of this bill cannot be overstated. The number of incarcerated individuals in Maryland prisons has increased significantly since 1970, and those in prison deserve access to education. A growing body of research continues to support the position that education helps reduce recidivism. This bill intends to increase public safety and reduce reoffense.

The bill would make the Prison Education Delivery Reform Commission an independent part of our state's government. This commission develops recommendations for the effective delivery of education to those subjected to the criminal or juvenile justice systems.

House Bill 1340 would enable the commission to serve as the oversight committee to the state agencies who track education within Maryland's incarceration system. It will submit an annual report detailing the commission's activities, findings, and recommendations to both the Governor and General Assembly beginning January 1, 2027.

A codification of the Prison Education Delivery Reform Commission is necessary and beneficial to the improvement of our prison education in the state of Maryland.

I urge a favorable report on HB 1340.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marlon Amprey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M" and a distinct "A".

Delegate Marlon Amprey
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