

I Support HB 1293

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Dear Chair and Members of the Health Committee:

I am writing you in strong support of HB 1293.

Our neighborhood of Fairmount Park believes that residents have a right to transparency and peace of mind regarding who is living in provider-controlled residential housing in their communities. Families, women, children, seniors, and other vulnerable residents deserve confidence that existing public safety laws are being followed.

HB 1293 does not create new sex offender laws. It simply requires behavioral health providers who operate residential properties to verify compliance with Maryland's current registration requirements by:

- Asking their residents about registration obligations,
- Checking the public registry, and
- Taking reasonable steps to assist with compliance when necessary.

The bill establishes administrative oversight and corrective procedures. It is measured, reasonable, and focused on ensuring that existing law works as intended.

I respectfully urge the Committee to issue a favorable report.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
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