

Support for HB 1293 – Ensuring Responsible Residential Oversight

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Dear Chair and Members of the Health Committee:

Fairmount Park respectfully supports HB 1293.

Behavioral health providers that operate residential housing play a role in our communities. With that role comes responsibility. When providers control housing placement, they should take reasonable steps to ensure compliance with existing state law.

HB 1293 creates a clear and limited affirmative duty for providers to:

- Ask their residents whether they are required to register,
- Review the public Maryland Sex Offender Registry, and
- Take reasonable steps to address noncompliance.

The bill does not expand who must register. It does not alter criminal penalties. It creates a structured administrative framework with corrective action procedures and safe harbor protections for good faith compliance.

This legislation supports transparency, strengthens accountability, and reinforces public trust between providers and neighborhoods.

We respectfully request a favorable report on HB 1293.

Thank you for your leadership and service.

Sincerely,

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Father and resident
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