

SB 105: Real Time for Violent Crime Act (Geri's Law): Please vote **TO SUPPORT** this bill.

Dear Judicial Proceedings Committee Chair and Members of the Committee,

I respectfully write in **strong support of SB 0105 – Real Time for Violent Crime Act (Geri's Law)**.

This legislation is inspired by the tragic story of Geri, whose life was forever changed due to delays in accessing critical information about violent offenders. Her experience underscores the urgent need for law enforcement to have **real-time access to information that can prevent further harm** and save lives.

SB 0105 empowers police officers, prosecutors, and public safety agencies to act swiftly when violent crime threatens our communities. By improving the speed and accuracy of information sharing, this bill can help prevent repeat offenses, protect victims, and give families the reassurance that their safety matters.

Maryland needs to be tougher on crime. Criminals are finding more and creative ways to hurt the people of Maryland. And Maryland cannot afford to let the criminals get away with their actions. **Maryland needs to show criminals that if you “do the crime”, you will “do the time”**.

The law strikes a careful balance: it enhances **public safety** while maintaining **appropriate oversight and respect for civil liberties**. It is a thoughtful, practical approach to a serious problem—ensuring that no other family suffers the uncertainty and tragedy that Geri experienced.

This is more than policy; **it is a moral imperative**. Passing SB 0105 demonstrates Maryland's commitment to protecting its citizens, supporting law enforcement, and preventing violent crimes before they occur.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the committee to **VOTE TO SUPPORT SB 0105**.

VOTING YES on this bill **to show Marylanders that our state will protect them by being tough on crime!!**

Thank you.

Respectfully,

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A Very Concerned Mother of 3 and Maryland Resident