



Working to end sexual violence in Maryland

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**Testimony Supporting Senate Bill 220 with Amendment**  
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The Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MCASA) is a non-profit membership organization that includes the State's seventeen rape crisis centers, law enforcement, mental health and health care providers, attorneys, educators, survivors of sexual violence and other concerned individuals. MCASA includes the Sexual Assault Legal Institute (SALI), a statewide legal services provider for survivors of sexual assault. MCASA represents the unified voice and combined energy of all of its members working to eliminate sexual violence. We urge the Judicial Proceedings Committee to report favorably on Senate Bill 220 with Amendment.

**Senate Bill 220**

**Lifetime Supervision of Sex Offenders - Modifications**

This bill updates the law regarding lifetime supervision of sex offenders. This includes provisions permitting the Court to remove the sex offenders from lifetime supervision subject to a finding that the offender is no longer a danger to others.

SB220 includes that provisions to ensure the sex offender to standard and specific conditions of sentencing and parole are included, however, this bill will permit some sex offenders who committed extremely serious crimes to be without any supervision once those provisions have expired. Recognizing this, the legislation permits the appropriate State's Attorney Office to request a hearing. MCASA respectfully requests that victims also be permitted to request a hearing. While we appreciate that the bill requires that the victim be notified, MCASA urges the Committee to empower the crime victim in these cases with basic due process and the respect of the opportunity to be heard:

On page 6, line 11:

IF, AFTER A NOTIFICATION FROM THE COURT UNDER SUBSUBPARAGRAPH 1 OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH, THE STATE'S ATTORNEY, **VICTIM, OR VICTIM'S REPRESENTATIVE**, REQUESTS A HEARING ON THE MATTER, THE COURT SHALL HOLD A HEARING.

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