

My name is Angie Frey. I am here for a third time to testify in **strong support of SB 713**.

On June 9, 2022, a shooter who methodically stalked his coworkers took my husband's life and shattered my world. I am here today to ask for **Justice Parity**.

Under current Maryland law, an individual who commits first-degree murder but is found Not Criminally Responsible (NCR) can be evaluated for release just 30 days after entering a hospital. This is not a "clinical review"; it is a recurring trauma for victims and a gamble with public safety.

SB 713 corrects the travesty. It ensures the evaluation period for the most heinous acts matches the gravity of the crime. If a sane person faces a life sentence for murder, a person found NCR should not be eligible for freedom in a matter of months or a few short years. The Health Department confirmed that these killers are held, on average, less than 10 years.

Twice we have approached this panel, and twice our voices have fallen on deaf ears. I am not asking for this reform to "punish" the killer. I am asking you to provide victims the same level of consideration and compassion currently afforded to the killer.

I am entering my fourth year of trauma therapy for mental health issues brought on by the actions of a killer. I pay for this treatment out of pocket as I was told by the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board that I am not a victim and my claim for assistance with therapy costs was declined. With mental health issues, I hold down a job and make choices that do not harm others. I won't be released. My trauma is for life.

Why is the killer's mental health more valuable to the State of Maryland than ours? We did nothing wrong. We will carry the loss of Marks legacy with us for life.

Maryland has intentionally blocked every avenue we had to hold the responsible parties accountable. Between the acquittal of 33 charges and the limitations of workers' compensation laws, there was no accountability for the loss of three lives.