



**HB 22 - Correctional Services - Incarcerated Individuals - Identification Cards and Driver's Licenses  
Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee**

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**SUPPORT**

Chair Smith, Vice-Chair, and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of House Bill 22. This bill will require a correctional facility to release people with a non-driver identification card or a driver's license issued by the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA).

The CASH Campaign of Maryland promotes economic advancement for low-to-moderate income individuals and families in Baltimore and across Maryland. CASH accomplishes its mission through operating a portfolio of direct service programs, building organizational and field capacity, and leading policy and advocacy initiatives to strengthen family economic stability. CASH and its partners across the state achieve this by providing free tax preparation services through the IRS program 'VITA', offering free financial education and coaching, and engaging in policy research and advocacy. **Almost 4,000 of CASH's tax preparation clients earn less than \$10,000 annually. More than half earn less than \$20,000.**

Returning citizens face immediate and significant challenges, and many are released with no income, no food assistance, and interrupted health coverage. They also are often left without the proper identification or documentation required to apply for benefits, secure housing, or find employment. All of these factors contribute to decreasing financial stability for returning citizens and increasing recidivism. Economic and financial instability are one of the greatest barriers to successful reentry for individuals leaving incarceration.

HB 22 helps address this issue by ensuring that individuals that came in with identification, will leave with identification.

***Thus, we encourage you to return a favorable report for HB 22.***

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