

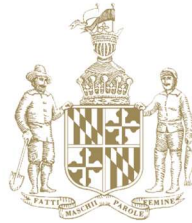
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Senate Judicial Proceedings
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Testimony In Support of SB 640 - Criminal Procedure - Postconviction Release - Crimes Resulting in Death of Young Victim

Chair Smith, Vice Chair Waldstreicher, and Members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to present SB 640. SB 640 prohibits a court from releasing a defendant after conviction, pending sentencing or appeal, if the defendant was convicted of a crime of violence or child neglect that resulted in the death of a child under the age of 14. In the most serious and tragic cases, where a young child has lost their life, this measure ensures that a convicted individual remains in custody during the postconviction process.

This legislation strengthens public safety and reinforces the seriousness of crimes involving the death of a child. By setting a clear standard for postconviction release in these limited and severe circumstances, Senate Bill 640 provides certainty for victims' families.

Thank you for your consideration of this bill, and we respectfully request a favorable report on SB 640.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. D. Corderman".

Senator Paul D. Corderman – District 2, Washington & Frederick Counties