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## MARYLAND JUDICIAL COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** House Judiciary Committee  
**FROM:** Legislative Committee  
Suzanne D. Pelz, Esq.  
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**RE:** House Bill 743  
Private Home Detention Monitoring Agencies – Notification of  
Violation  
**DATE:** February 11, 2026  
(3/3)  
**POSITION:** Oppose

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The Judiciary opposes House Bill 743.

The Judiciary supported Chapter 893 from 2024 which altered notification requirements for private home detention monitoring agencies (PHDMAs) when monitored individuals violate certain conditions of pretrial release or probation. This legislation was important, as it clearly defined the scope and timing of the notifications to be most effective, and ensured that the court and law enforcement would be notified of all violations.

This bill removes the notification to law enforcement from the PHDMAs for violations of conditions of home detention monitoring and provides only notification to the court for those violations. Removing the requirement for private home detention agencies to notify law enforcement of court ordered home detention violations, even minor violations, risks weakening accountability and delaying critical responses necessary for public safety. The Judiciary depends on these notifications to law enforcement to foster collaboration and maintain a balanced approach to compliance and enforcement. Eliminating this safeguard could undermine public confidence and reduce deterrence for individuals under

supervision. The Justice Reinvestment Act Oversight Board is currently examining this issue and will offer collaborative, well-informed recommendations in future legislative sessions to ensure both efficiency and public safety are preserved.

cc. Hon. Kym Taylor  
Judicial Council  
Legislative Committee  
Kelley O'Connor