



## Unitarian Universalist Legislative Ministry of Maryland

### Testimony Support HB 507- Qualifying Nonprofit Organizations - Incarcerated Individual Training and Reentry Grant Fund - Extension

To: Delegate Sandy Bartlett, Chair and the Members of the Judiciary Committee  
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The Unitarian Universalist Legislative Ministry of Maryland supports bills which align with our values. **HB 507- Qualifying Nonprofit Organizations - Incarcerated Individual Training and Reentry Grant Fund - Extension** aligns with our commitment to honor the inherent worth and dignity of all people. This compassionate bill offers job training not only for those who are incarcerated but help for the formerly incarcerated as well. It includes training for at least 50 people per year in automobile repair skills which can result in a Nationally Recognized Repair Organization Certificate that can lead to a paid Automotive Repair job.

This bill also provides a process that makes more jobs possible. The Governor may include an annual budget appropriation of \$1 million to be allocated for grants to other qualifying nonprofit organizations solely focused on training the formerly incarcerated in automotive repair. This program is available from 2026 – June 30, 2029. Each nonprofit is accountable to keep and submit records of their funds.

By passing **HB 507** you will help others be able to make a living, develop a healthy self-respect, and reduce recidivism..

We ask for a favorable report.

Thank you,  
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