

HB 1363: Criminal Procedure - Domestic Violence Offenders - Registration: Please vote to **SUPPORT** this bill.

Dear Judiciary Committee:

I am writing to strongly urge you to **SUPPORT** House Bill 1363 during committee consideration or floor votes.

Domestic violence is a serious, often escalating crime that causes profound physical, emotional, and psychological harm—particularly to women, children, and families. Too many victims are injured or killed by abusers who have prior convictions but no ongoing public accountability after release. **A targeted domestic violence offender registry—modeled on sex offender registries but specific to domestic violence—would provide critical transparency, allow law enforcement to monitor high-risk individuals, and give communities (including schools, landlords, and employers) the information needed to make informed safety decisions.**

This bill focuses on felony-level or repeated domestic violence convictions where the risk of reoffending is demonstrably higher. It balances public safety with appropriate limits, ensuring victim privacy protections and due process safeguards remain in place.

Maryland families, especially women and children, deserve stronger tools to prevent domestic violence recidivism and protect themselves from known abusers. HB 1363 is a commonsense, victim-centered measure that prioritizes safety without overreach.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask you to **vote in favor of HB 1363.**

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration of this critical public safety and victim protection legislation.

Sincerely,

Trudy Tibbals