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Senate Bill 689 – Task Force to Study Postrelease Services and Requirements (Bri's Law)

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Dear Chair Bartlett, Vice Chair Davis, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to express strong support for Senate Bill 689, *Task Force to Study Postrelease Services and Requirements (Bri's Law)*. This legislation establishes a dedicated task force to examine the types of release from incarceration in Maryland and evaluate the effectiveness of postrelease programs and requirements aimed at reducing recidivism. By bringing together key stakeholders, including members of the General Assembly, the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, and the Maryland State's Attorneys' Association, this bill ensures a comprehensive and collaborative approach to improving outcomes for individuals transitioning back into society.

The creation of this task force is a critical step toward strengthening public safety and supporting successful reintegration. By studying current practices and identifying gaps, the task force will provide actionable recommendations to enhance postrelease programming, reduce repeat offenses, and ultimately protect communities across Maryland.

I thank you for your time and I urge a favorable report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike McKay".

Senator Mike McKay
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