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Testimony Opposing House Bill 1484
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The Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MCASA) is a non-profit membership organization that includes the State's seventeen rape crisis centers, law enforcement, mental health and health care providers, attorneys, educators, survivors of sexual violence and other concerned individuals. MCASA includes the Sexual Assault Legal Institute which provides direct legal services for survivors across the State of Maryland. We urge the Judiciary Committee to report unfavorably on House Bill 1484

House Bill 1406 – Prohibitions on Plea Agreements – Trafficking of Children

This bill would prohibit plea agreements in trafficking cases involving minor victims. While we appreciate the intent to help hold offenders accountable, plea agreements often benefit survivors when the survivor does not wish to testify or cannot testify. These agreements are also important options when a case is not strong and going to trial risks losing all together and letting an offender escape responsibility.

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