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HB0743: Private Home Detention Monitoring Agencies – Notification of Violation

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Good afternoon, Chair Bartlett and members of the Judiciary Committee.

For the record, I am Delegate Kym Taylor, representing Prince George's County District 23.

HB743 makes a narrow but important clarification to Maryland's private home detention monitoring law. Under current law, when a defendant on pretrial release is monitored by a licensed Private Home Detention Monitoring Agency, that agency must notify both the court and a designated law enforcement agency within **24 hours** of a **general violation**. If there is tampering with equipment, notification must occur within **one hour**. If the individual enters a prohibited area, notification must be **immediate**.

This bill does one thing. It repeals the requirement that law enforcement be notified for **pretrial monitoring general violations**. It does not change the obligation to notify the court. It does not change the immediate notification requirement for prohibited area violations. And it does not change the one-hour notification requirement for tampering with monitoring equipment. In those more serious circumstances, notifications to law enforcement and the court remain intact.

Pretrial release conditions are set by the court, and this bill ensures the court continues to receive timely notice of violations so it can determine the appropriate response. By streamlining notification for routine or technical violations, HB743 seeks to prevent unnecessary strain on law enforcement resources, while still preserving immediate or expedited notification requirements for more serious issues, such as equipment tampering or entry into prohibited areas.

HB743 is a modest adjustment that maintains public safety safeguards, preserves accountability, and promotes a more efficient use of resources.

I respectfully ask for a favorable report on House Bill 743.