

## MARYLAND ALLIANCE FOR JUSTICE REFORM

Working to end unnecessary incarceration and build strong, safe communities



Tuesday, 12 April 2016

Dear supporters of criminal justice reform:

The **Justice Reinvestment Bill** passed last night in both houses. The Governor has said he will sign it. We did it!

This momentous legislation addresses and reduces over-incarceration in Maryland and creates programs and resources to help keep people out of jail and prevent their return. The final bill (all 96 pages) can be read at <http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2016RS/bills/sb/sb1005T.pdf>. We hope to have a summary on the MAJR website by this evening. See <http://www.ma4jr.org/justice-reinvestment/>

Many, many thanks to all of you who visited your state legislators, called them, and sent emails. We made it clear that Maryland citizens wanted change to the criminal justice system, and they heard us. Let us take a moment and celebrate!

Then it's on to an even better, fairer justice system. Come to the next general MAJR meeting on April 28 at Annapolis Friends Meeting, 351 Dubois Road, Annapolis 21401. We will have a potluck at 6:30, so bring a covered dish, a salad, a dessert, fruit, whatever. Let us break bread together, then move into a discussion of where we go from here.



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### **MAJR General Meeting**

Thursday, April 28th at 6:30  
Annapolis Friends Meeting,  
351 Dubois Road, Annapolis 21401.

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MAJR is a nonpartisan association of over thirty community organizations and churches with members in every part of the state, formed to support justice reinvestment. Individual supporters include judges, attorneys, corrections professionals, as well as returning citizens, victims, and service providers.

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