

MARYLAND ALLIANCE FOR JUSTICE REFORM

Working to end unnecessary incarceration and build strong, safe communities



Dear MAJR supporter:

Please ask your Delegates to pass the Justice Reinvestment Act, HB 1312, without amendments that would remove the savings provided by the original bill.

For talking points, see <http://www.ma4jr.org/justice-reinvestment/>.

To identify your delegates, see <http://mdelect.net/>. Put in your address to see who they are, then click on their names for contact information.

This bill was passed unanimously in the Senate, but with amendments that would drastically cut savings gained by reducing incarceration of nonviolent offenders. That money was to be used to provide drug and mental health treatment, job training, restorative justice methods of holding people accountable, and so on. Public safety was given as the reason for the amendments, but all the research shows that meeting people's needs makes us safer, while sending people to prison turns them into hardened criminals and destroys their likelihood of being able to get employment after release.

If the House passes a stronger bill, the two houses will have to get together and work out their differences.

The House could vote any time, so time is of the essence. Thanks for making that call or sending that email. It really can make a difference.

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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