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**WELCOME TO THE 2016 LEGISLATIVE SESSION  
OF THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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On behalf of the Lifers Conference at the Maryland Correctional Institution of Hagerstown, we are interested in the representation you provide to the incarcerated citizens of your Legislative District, and others from across the State of Maryland.

As you review proposed legislation during this session, we would like to ask that you and your colleagues give consideration to Bills concerning parole reform and efforts to reduce mass incarceration. More specifically, please give your attention to those Bills that would permit the granting of parole by the Maryland Parole Commission based on earned merit for those persons sentenced to a parole eligible term. For (20) twenty years, both men and women, (and many who were sentenced as children), have been denied meaningful opportunities for parole because the process had become stalled for political gains. To eliminate such an abuse of discretion, the Governor should be removed from the parole process for those with a parole eligible life term. Persons convicted and sentenced to Life without parole would remain ineligible for parole release.

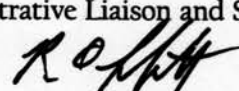
Thank you for giving this important matter your time and consideration. The Lifers Conference would welcome your comments and/or questions.

Sincerely,

The Lifers Conference

A group of concerned men who responsibly advocate for prison and parole reform.

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