

MAJR Lobby Day - February 26th 2020

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Working to end unnecessary incarceration and build strong, safe communities



Lobby Day a Success!

On Wednesday February 26, with the help of Senator Deloris Kelly, MAJR organized its annual lobby day in Annapolis. One participant's review was that this Lobby Day was "the best ever." We had about 55 participants and more than 30 legislator visits. Our volunteer-lobby reports mostly called it "well-organized." Thanks to everyone who participated.



We also thank Senator Chris West (R) for cosponsoring the Lifer's Parole bill — a "Smart on Crime" proposal that would depoliticize the state's parole system, would do no harm to public safety, and would save taxpayers millions of dollar over the years. We hope other Republicans will follow his footsteps and, like former Governor Ehrlich, be "smart on crime."

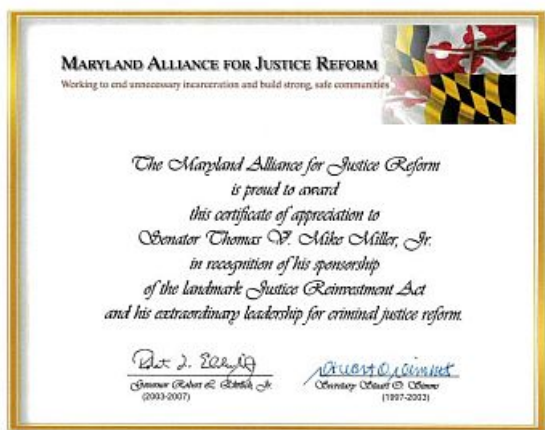
Among the bills we focused on for the lobby day were:

- Front Door: Citations in lieu of Arrest ([SB 333 / HB 261](#), [SB 479 / HB 479](#))
- Behind the Walls: Educational Diminution Credits ([HB 822 / SB 912](#))
- Back Door: Remove the Governor from the Parole Process ([HB 1219 / SB 817](#))

During this session MAJR has testified on more than eighteen bills. To view all the legislation supported by MAJR and allied organizations visit

<https://www.ma4jr.org/legislation-2020/>

MAJR recognizes Senator Mike Miller



MAJR presented former Senate President Mike Miller a certificate of appreciation for his years of service and leadership on the landmark Justice Reinvestment Act. Former Governor Ehrlich and former DPSCS Secretary Stu Simms made the award. Miller and Ehrlich both teased each other for their past political squabbles, but praised each other for coming together on bipartisan needs when it was important — like criminal justice matters. Miller called this "being on the side of the angels."



To take a look at the history of the Justice Reinvestment Act, [click here](#). The Act created the Justice Reinvestment Oversight Board, which meets to ensure the continued success of the Justice Reinvestment Act and its associated reforms. To see how they work [click here](#).

MAJR is a nonpartisan association of over fifty 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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