

Dear Delegate/Senator

To: Luke Clippinger, Vanessa Atterbeary, Adrienne Jones To: William C. Smith, Jeff Waldstreicher, Bill Ferguson

I write to you on behalf of Maryland Alliance for Justice Reform with a request for your help to ensure that the House Judiciary Committee / Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee votes on or before cross-over day on this year's very important Correctional Ombudsman Bill (HB 1188 / SB 809).

We know that the General Assembly is busy in this COVID-hampered Session with important concerns such as COVID-budgeting, police reform, and marijuana legalization. But the independent prison Ombudsman Bill, with an initial pilot program, will begin with low costs and in the long run will save money and will make our prisons more transparent, fair and cost-effective!

Thank you for your help to keep our criminal justice system functioning fairly and efficiently for all Marylanders, despite these difficult times.

Sincerely,