

## MARYLAND ALLIANCE FOR JUSTICE REFORM

Working to end unnecessary incarceration and build strong, safe communities



### **Correctional Ombudsman Roundtable**

via Zoom, December 3rd, 1:00 pm

The Maryland Alliance for Justice Reform (MAJR) is excited to announce that we will be introducing legislation to create a Correctional Ombudsman to provide independent oversight of Maryland prisons and jails. On Saturday, December 3rd at 1:00 pm we are convening a statewide discussion, by Zoom, about the need for such oversight and our strategy for getting the legislation passed in the upcoming session.

**Maryland Matters**, a news service on the web, highlighted on November 22 the importance of a correctional ombudsman on the agenda of our Attorney General-elect Anthony Brown. Read that report [here](#).

Our guest speaker is former director of the Washington State Office of the Corrections Ombuds. We will also hear from a panel of citizens recently released from Maryland prisons who will share their experiences advocating for system changes while they were confined behind the walls. The event will end with a call to action prompting participants to send direct communications, with just a few clicks, to our state leaders urging their support of the bill.



Attached is a flyer announcing this Zoom event. We ask that you share it with your networks. Registration is required; click [here to register](#).

We need to know what the conditions of confinement in Maryland look like. We need to improve them, and to make them more transparent. We can do so through this bill. This is the year to get it done!!!!!!

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Register here to attend this Zoom meeting.

## Correctional Ombudsman



**SHINING THE LIGHT BEHIND THE WALLS**  
**CORRECTIONAL OVERSIGHT OF THE MARYLAND STATE PRISON SYSTEM**

Join the Maryland Alliance for Justice Reform (MAJR) on  
**Saturday, December 3, 2022, at 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM**

Speakers and attendees will discuss proposed legislation to hire an independent ombudsman to investigate complaints and conditions in Maryland's state prisons. To attend this event, please register using the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZAucOysqzwpHtYtummfC9IbN38F7-TKZUbK>

For questions, do not hesitate to get in touch with MAJR Behind the Walls at [behindwalls@ma4jr.org](mailto:behindwalls@ma4jr.org) (Olinda Moyd and Judy Lichtenberg - Co-Chairs)

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MAJR is a nonpartisan, all-volunteer 501(c)4 organization of more than 1800 Marylanders and over **50 endorsing organizations** in every part of the state who advocate for evidence-based legislative and policy changes in Maryland's correctional practices. We support

effective alternatives to incarceration, policies to address inequities, and efforts to allow citizens returning from prison to lead productive lives.

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