
Correctional Ombudsman

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Maryland Alliance for Justice Reform Action Alert

Support the Correctional Ombudsman legislation

Prisons in Maryland are dangerous and unhealthy. Incarcerated individuals are often subjected to acts of violence and other abuse from others, sometimes from staff. Incarcerated individuals often have trouble obtaining adequate medical care, examinations, diagnostic tests and medication. Incarcerated individuals often have trouble worshipping as they wish.

Both incarcerated individuals and staff often face retaliation for reporting misconduct, and thus misconduct can become widespread and entrenched. Moreover they often face retaliation if they seek redress of their grievances. Correctional administrations are notoriously defensive and closed to outside review. A short list of criminal **scandals** in Maryland's correctional system can be found [here](#).

What is needed in Maryland is a completely independent mechanism of oversight of the correctional system. The Correctional Ombudsman in the Office of the Attorney General would be an independent, impartial public office – not part of the Department of Corrections – that serves the state of Maryland by promoting positive change in corrections.

What we need you to do.

Ask your legislator to support [HB0604/SB0512](#) creating the office of the Correctional Ombudsman and establishing a Correctional Ombudsman Advisory Board. Let your legislator know how you feel about the scandals in our prisons.



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