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What can you do to help? Please use the link below to contact your State Senator, who sits on the JPR committee, asking them to vote in support of HB 194!

[email to legislator]

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**Please vote to support HB 194 to give reformed Marylanders a fair chance to support themselves!**

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