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**TO:** Judicial Proceedings Committee & Senator Bobby A. Zirkin (Chairman)

**SUBJECT:** HB 110 – St. Mary's County – Inmate Release Programs

**POSITION:** **Support**

As Assistant Sheriff for St. Mary's County, Maryland please accept this written testimony in support of HB 110.

During the past 12 years the St. Mary's County Detention & Rehabilitation Center has strived to provide best correctional practices to inmates, staff and the community we serve with a focus on the reduction of recidivism and increased public safety.

As you are aware the passing of the Justice Reinvestment Act (JRA) remains a work in progress and directs focus on the very principles and strategies we have incorporated into our local correctional performance standards. Unfortunately during our transition, along with certain requirements of the Justice Reinvestment Act, our local statute has become outdated and not in compliance with our current practices or some mandatory requirements affected in the passing of JRA last year.

The changes incorporated in HB 110 serve to not only meet the requirements of JRA at the present but also update the best correctional practices we have set forth in our daily operations over the past 12 years. This Bill was drafted by our County legal department and the Department of Legislative Services, unanimously approved by our delegation and the St. Mary's County Board of County Commissioners, and poses no unfunded mandates to the Sheriff or the St. Mary's County Detention & Rehabilitation Center.

Thank you in advance for your assistance and please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

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