



Working to end sexual violence in Maryland

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Testimony Supporting Senate Bill 213
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The Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MCASA) is a non-profit membership organization that includes the State's seventeen rape crisis centers, law enforcement, mental health and health care providers, attorneys, educators, survivors of sexual violence and other concerned individuals. MCASA includes the Sexual Assault Legal Institute (SALI), a statewide legal services provider for survivors of sexual assault. MCASA represents the unified voice and combined energy of all of its members working to eliminate sexual violence. We urge the Judicial Proceedings Committee to report favorably on Senate Bill 213.

Senate Bill 213 – Victim Privacy – Address and Telephone Number

This bill expands the law protecting the address and phone number of a crime victim to include victims of all crimes. Current law permits protection only for victims of felonies and delinquent acts committed by juveniles that would be felonies if committed by an adult. Many serious crimes, including domestic violence and sexual assault, are not felonies. These include, for example, stalking, assault in the second degree, and sexual offense in the 4th degree. Protecting their home and phone number is a small, but important way we can encourage reporting and help survivors have access to the criminal justice system.

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