



## WOMEN'S LEGISLATIVE CAUCUS MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

**To:** Senator William C. Smith, Jr. , Chair  
Senator Jeff Waldstreicher, Vice Chair  
Members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee

**From:** Delegate Trent Kittleman, President  
Women's Caucus, Maryland General Assembly

**Date:** 3/3/2020

**Re:** SB807 Criminal Procedure - Victims of Sexually Assaultive Behavior - Waivers of Rights - Prohibition

The Women's Legislative Caucus respectfully submits its support for SB807 Criminal Procedure - Victims of Sexually Assaultive Behavior - Waivers of Rights – Prohibition.

This legislation prohibits a criminal justice unit from presenting certain victims of sexually assaultive behavior with forms or verbal agreements purporting to limit the obligations of the criminal justice unit to the victim or limit the rights of the victim; prohibiting evidence of certain forms or agreements from being introduced in certain court proceedings; authorizes victims affected by a violation of the Act to bring an action for injunctive or declaratory relief; applies the Act retroactively; etc.

As you may know, the Maryland Women's Legislative Caucus is a bipartisan group of 73 women legislators and 8 associate male legislators who are currently serving in the Maryland General Assembly. The Caucus supports legislation that directly affect women and has bi-partisan support. On February 5th of this year, the members of the Caucus voted unanimously to support SB807/HB1575.

The Caucus respectfully requests a positive action on this legislation.