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**FROM THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF CRIME PREVENTION, YOUTH, AND VICTIM SERVICES**

February 8, 2021

Chair Smith and Members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee  
Judicial Proceedings Committee  
2 East  
Miller Senate Office Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

**Re: Senate Bill 484: Criminal Procedure – Victims of Crime – Private Room**

**POSITION: Support**

Dear Chair Clippinger and Members of the Committee,

The Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services ("Office") is providing this letter of support for SB 484: Criminal Procedure – Victims of Crime – Private Room.

This legislation will require the State Board of Victim Services to develop a poster to notify victims of the right to request a private room in a law enforcement agency to report crimes under Title 3 of the Criminal Law Article. Law enforcement entities would be required to display these posters, and provide, on request, a private room to a victim to report such crimes.

The State Board of Victim Services is under the purview of the Office. The Board has 22 members representing crime victims, service providers, and criminal justice related agencies. The mission of the Board is to ensure that all crime victims in the State receive justice and are treated with dignity and compassion through comprehensive victim services.

The Board currently develops pamphlets to notify victims of certain rights, services, and procedures provided under Article 47 of the Maryland Declaration of Rights or State law, how to request information regarding an unsolved case, and that an offender be placed on electronic monitoring or electronic monitoring stay-away alert technology. The Board also develops a

notification request form through which a victim or victim's representative may request to be notified of certain hearings and events related to their case.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "V. Glenn Fueston, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

V. Glenn Fueston, Jr.  
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