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To: Members of The House Judiciary Committee
From: Carrie J. Williams, Chair, Legislative Committee, Criminal Law and Practice
Section
Date: 2/17/23
Subject: HB661—Workgroup to Study Reentry
Position: **Support**

The Legislative Committee of the Criminal Law and Practice Section of the Maryland State Bar Association (MSBA) Supports HB661-Workgroup to Study Reentry.

Successfully reintegrating formerly incarcerated people into society is critical to lowering recidivism, which in turn is critical to crime prevention and public safety. Studying the role of State agencies in assisting people who recently completed their terms of confinement is important and necessary. As is making recommendations to improve reentry in Maryland.

For the reasons stated, we Support HB661-Workgroup to Study Reentry. If you have questions about the position of the Criminal Law and Practice Section's Legislative Committee, please feel free to address them to me at carriej.williams@gmail.com.

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