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**Testimony to the House Corrections and Juvenile Justice Committee
In Opposition of HB2047
February 18, 2019**

Chairman Jennings and Committee members:

Our associations oppose HB2047. The main area of concern for us are the changes in the sentencing grid in Categories A, B, C, and D significantly lowering the sentencing range. These Categories are those where the offender has prior person felony convictions. The more we move left on the grid, the more concern we have, particularly since Categories A and B are offenders with multiple person felonies in their criminal history.

It seems to be counterintuitive to reduce these sentences for person who have been convicted of new drug crimes when the offender has a history of violent person crimes. There is little doubt that substance abuse is one of the leading factors in violent crime. In this bill it is proposed to ignore that relationship and lower the sentence. It should also be considered that because of changes in good time credits, the actual time served under these sentences will be substantially lower than the grid indicates.

We recommend this bill not be passed in its current form.

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