



## **REJECT HARMFUL AMENDMENTS TO SB 459 / HB 1494**

### **Oppose efforts to create a bail task force.**

The bail bond industry is working on a last-ditch effort to protect their bottom line by creating a task force to study the impact of pretrial detention and release. However, legislation is not needed. Members of the MGA, as well as the Judiciary and Executive branches, already have the tools to study the use of cash bail in our pretrial systems.

- 1. Maryland's pretrial system has been studied 13 times already since 1982.** Many of the studies' recommendations support the recent Maryland Court of Appeals rules change.
- 2. The Justice Reinvestment Oversight Board (JROB) is required to study pretrial systems.** The JROB established under the 2016 Justice Reinvestment Act is already required to study pretrial systems across the state.
- 3. The FY '18 budget already includes a reporting requirement on the impact of changes to the Court pretrial rules that take effect July 1.** That report is due November 1, 2017.

**A task force should be created because of need, not because of greed.**