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To: The Honorable Joan Carter Conway, Chair
Education, Health and Environmental Matters Committee and
Members of the Committee

From: Delegate Veronica Turner, Chair

Date: March 4, 2010

Re: SB 400- No Representation without Population Act

The Legislative Black Caucus of Maryland, Inc. voted to **support** Senate Bill 400. This bill requires that incarcerated individuals to be counted at their last known residence before incarceration, instead of the location of their incarceration for the decennial census.

This legislation will help avoid prison-based gerrymandering and lead to the reapportionment of districts and new allocations of resources. Senate Bill 400 is a Caucus priority; therefore, we would appreciate your **favorable support** for this legislation.