

HB 1221 Public Information Act  
Personnel and Investigatory Records - Complaints Against Law Enforcement Officers  
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Good Day Elected Officials,

I am a Prince Geprge's county resident and I oppose this bill *unless* it is amended to include the following amendments- We would like to allow the disclosure of:

1. All use of force investigations, regardless of whether it causes death or serious bodily injury;
2. All discrimination or bias misconduct, not only "prohibited discrimination" as the bill currently states;
3. Misconduct committed during criminal investigations, like those documented in the Baltimore City Gun Trace Task Force;
4. Criminal activity by officers; and
5. Investigations into misconduct regardless of the outcome

Additionally, I would like for the custodial charge who determines if complaint-record information is disclosable to the complainant or others to be independent of law enforcement agencies and instead be made up of citizens similar to a jury with the same selection process.

Including these amendments strengthens the bill in a manner that appropriately allows for the residents, constituents, and voters of Maryland to be able to interact with the officers in their community that are sworn to protect them. With these amendments, officers that are interacting with the public in a positive and just manner are also protected from false allegations as well. This bill, with the following amendments, is imperative to beginning to heal the community relations between Law enforcement and communities throughout Maryland.

If this bill does not include these amendments, then I oppose this bill because it does not do enough to protect all the citizens of Maryland- including the officers who properly and appropriately protect our residents.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter and taking a moment to read my testimony.

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