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"Action: 2024-02-08 - Hearing 2/28 at 1:00 p.m.

Pending: [Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee](#)

Hearing: Feb 28 @ 1:00 pm Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Hearing

IN SUPPORT OF MARYLAND BILL S.B. 819.

The over 36,000 Officers, Members and Residents of the Matthew Henson Community Development Corporation strongly support the much-needed Public School Resource Officers to be armed in Baltimore City Public Schools similar to all other MD Public School jurisdictions. Aren't our children, teachers, faculty, and parents just as worthy as all others in Maryland Schools?

I have unsuccessfully tried to change my Password with MYMGA, as directed, but after over a dozen email attempts and responses to directives by MYMGA this past weekend, I have not been successful in changing my password to submit my written testimony. TIME IS WINDING DOWN AND I STRONGLY DESIRE TO BE PRESENT TESTIFYING ON THE 28TH OF FEBRUARY 2024!!!

I was the Lead Plaintiff in the Winning MD and Baltimore City NAACP Class-Action Lawsuit in 2006 Against then Baltimore City Mayor Martin O'Malley for ILLEGAL ARRESTS of over 100,000 black and brown men. So I am very cautious and careful regarding supporting questionable actions that are not warranted. Please accept my testimony for **YOUR** MYMGA computer process in NOT correctly responding for me to submit my written document and give my verbal testimony. Your MYMGA system is not appropriately responding!

Baltimore City School Police Gun's Recovery is an astonishing: 2023-24 *11 (so far); 2022-23 *15; 2021-22 *15; 2020-21; 2019-20 Pandemic; 2018-19 *10; 2017-18 *5.

Baltimore City Shootings outside school areas: Mergenthaler March 8, 2023, Death; Achievement Academy Nov. 11, 2019; Patterson Sept. 7, 2023, DEATH; Carver Sept. 7, 2022; Edmondson March 11, 2023, DEATH; Forest Park Jan. 25, 2023 DEATH; Dunbar Sept. 1, 2023, 12-year-old shot; Carver Dec. 5, 2023, Triple Shooting; Carver May 20, 2022.

Since 2015 George Washington Carver Vocational Technical Senior High School has had six (6) guns confiscated from inside the school.

MHCDC has two schools in our immediate catchment area: Matthew Alexander Henson Elementary School and George Washington Carver Vocational Technical Senior High School. To paraphrase a quote from the Godfather movie; we are going to hold MD Senators and Delegates accountable, and publicly name names, of all that do not protect our children, faculty, staff, and parents! THIS IS AN ACCIDENT WAITING TO HAPPEN BY GUNS BEING USED IN OUR SCHOOLS!!!

WE URGE STRONG SUPPORT OF THIS MUCH NEEDED BILL. The majority of the 17 candidates that we received responses from, that are seeking to be the next Baltimore City Mayor, have clearly indicated their support for armed Baltimore City Resource Officers.

We beg our Senators and Delegates to pass this legislation. We have exhausted all means through MYMGA to get this properly processed. Will someone please call me. I will be in the Wilmer Eye Hospital starting at 8:000 a.m. Monday, February 26, 2024 for an urgently