

**Testimony to Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee  
SB894, Local Control of Baltimore City Police Department  
Position: Support**

Dear **Members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee,**

This testimony is being submitted by Showing Up for Racial Justice Baltimore, a group of individuals working to move white folks as part of a multi-racial movement for equity and racial justice in Baltimore City, Baltimore County, and Howard County. We are also working in collaboration with the coalition, Campaign for Justice, Safety and Jobs. I am a **native Baltimorean** of over 70 years and resident of district **43A**.

**I am testifying in support of Senate Bill 894.**

I am here today to express my strong support for **SB894**, which would grant Baltimore City the authority to oversee and govern its own police department.

This legislation represents the final and urgent step towards securing the autonomy necessary for Baltimore City to effectively govern its own police department. It's time to put the power back where it belongs—in the hands of those who know and care about Baltimore. Supporting SB894 is not just about completing a process—it's about reclaiming our voice, our safety, and our future.

Unfortunately, Baltimore City's control of its police department is currently in a city legislative and legal no-man's land with previous state legislation incomplete. This is despite city resident support expressed through a referendum in 2022 and City Council passing authorization in 2023.

Now that Baltimore City is united in its approach to affective local control, we urge you to give your support of **SB894**.

Sincerely,

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