

Testimony on House Bill – Favorable

HB 336 – Criminal Procedure – District Court Commissioners and False Statements

House Judiciary Committee

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My name is Beverly John. My daughter and I submitted testimony last year in support of HB21. We continue our support this year in favor of HB336.

The horror and trauma experienced by my daughter and our family when she was falsely accused by a jealous woman who attempted to harm her in a fit of rage we captured on video should never be allowed to happen. In 2025, the Commissioner database showed that Prince George's County handled over 12,000 cases. Of those cases, 3,818 residents were held without bond. I wonder how many of these cases were made based on false charges. How many lives were negatively affected because we were unable to move it through the General Assembly last year?

This is a strong bill that allows for initial investigation before immediately issuing warrants on those who are being falsely accused and accountability for all involved. Therefore, I urge you to vote favorably on HB336.

Thank you.