

**Testimony for the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee
February 3, 2021**

SB 627– Law Enforcement Officers’ Bill of Rights – Repeal and Procedures for Discipline

FAVORABLE

To Chairman Smith, Vice Chair Waldstreicher, and members of the Committee,

My name is Anna Evans-Goldstein and I live in Baltimore, Maryland. I am testifying in support of SB 627 to repeal the Law Enforcement Officers’ Bill of Rights (“LEOBR”).

While Maryland was the model for laws like this across the country, we still have the most extreme version. There is no accountability for police officers in this state due to LEOBR. Baltimore City has made headlines due to the actions of its police force on numerous occasions, and yet still there is little accountability. It is unnecessary for police officers to have extra protections from accountability than other government workers. They should have the same rights as other government employees. It is beyond due that LEOBR be repealed.

I urge a favorable vote on SB 627.

Sincerely,
Anna Evans-Goldstein