

Hello, my name is Michael Schuler and I'm writing to encourage support for SB027 in order to repeal the Hopkins' private police. First, the area that private police will be deployed, the Middle East neighborhood, is already heavily policed, and Hopkins security is already a huge presence. The petition found [here](#) shows that over 6,152 community members stated opposition to the police force. We've had six years of reform efforts implemented in the wake of the 2014 killings of Eric Garner, Michael Brown, Laquan McDonald, Tamir Rice, and way too many others. Yet, all of that reform didn't save Freddie Gray, or Alton Sterling, or Korryn Gaines, or Walter Scott, or Breonna Taylor, or George Floyd. Reform was not worth those lost lives and it certainly is not worth another. The university should take the funds that were allocated for JHPD and more and invest them into communities such as the people within the communities like the residents of the middle east that live near the medical campus. The Minority Inclusion Agreement promised 2002 and promised 8,000 jobs and a community reinvestment fund in East Baltimore. This is what the safety Johns Hopkins claims to desire looks like.