

SB0071 Police Officers - Testimony - Presumption of Inadmissibility

Stance: Support

Testimony: My name is Adiena C. Britt and I am writing to support SB0071 as part of the comprehensive MD Police Accountability Act of 2021. Outside of the fact that body worn cameras should become the standard in our State, failure to properly utilize this equipment should have consequences. It has been brought to light that police agencies all over the country have misused this technology in a manner that equates to criminal cover-up of a crime of misconduct. A police officer should not have the option to turn a body worn camera on and off at his convenience because they feel they may be self-incriminating in misconduct.

I fully support the option to consider any testimony provided by an individual officer who fails to comply with body worn camera usage to me considered inadmissible. This law would encourage proper usage of body worn camera equipment, and force every officer to think twice about engaging in illegal activities and instances of misconduct. Please allow this to be heard and considered by the full Senate and House and passed into law. Comprehensive Police Reforms are needed now!

Thank you.

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