

Testimony in favor of SB0276:

I am a neighbor of the Johns Hopkins University's Homewood campus, having lived in the Charles Village neighborhood of Baltimore City for most of the last 5 years. It has been my experience that the unarmed security personnel employed by Hopkins are an acceptable solution for community safety.

I am opposed to Johns Hopkins University establishing a private police force to address a need that is adequately and safely met by unarmed citizens. In my time living within the area patrolled by Hopkins security, I have not experienced or perceived any threats to community safety. If there are any community safety issues that are not addressed by the presence of unarmed security personnel, a police force will not resolve those issues, and is more likely to jeopardize the safety of community members. A private police force is an unacceptable solution for a problem that, as far as I can tell, does not exist.