

Support of LEOBR Repeal (SB0627)
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As a resident of Baltimore City I call upon you to support repeal of the Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights (LEOBR).

The LEOBR is a key barrier to investigating and enacting discipline in cases of police misconduct. Police officers are entitled to and already have the same rights and protections as every other state and local government employee. Officers being given additional rights under LEOBR has proven to hinder real police accountability after an officer commits misconduct, brutalizes, or even kills a community member. Leaving LEOBR in place is dangerous as it provides officers with extra protections allowing police to police themselves and prevents community oversight. There is no justifiable reason why they should be afforded rights beyond those of every other citizen. In fact, their sworn integrity as officers should make them more accountable to the law than the average citizen.

As a primary care doctor in Baltimore I have seen the effects of police brutality first hand. Only through restoring accountability can local control of police be a reality.