



**TESTIMONY FOR SB0589  
CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – POLICE OFFICERS – STOP PROCEDURES (KNOW YOUR  
RIGHTS ACT**

**Bill Sponsor:** Senator Sydnor

**Committee:** Judicial Proceedings

**Organization Submitting:** Maryland Legislative Coalition

**Person Submitting:** Cecilia Plante, co-chair

**Position:** FAVORABLE

I am submitting this testimony in favor of SB0589 on behalf of the Maryland Legislative Coalition. The Maryland Legislative Coalition is an association of activists - individuals and grassroots groups in every district in the state. We are unpaid citizen lobbyists, and our Coalition supports well over 30,000 members.

Whenever someone is stopped by the police, the rules surrounding the stop should be absolutely clear. Whenever they are not, the person being stopped is at a disadvantage. Our members applaud this bill, which seeks to make clear the rights of the person being stopped.

It requires the officer to give their name, badge number and the agency they are representing. The officer is then required to inform the person who was stopped, and in the case of a traffic stop, any other persons in the vehicle, what rights they have.

Many people do not know that they have the right to remain silent and simply provide their license and registration. It is important to make this clear. We hope that for people who are detained who do not speak English, that this information will be provided via a recording, or some other method, to ensure that everyone who is stopped knows their rights.

We support this bill and recommend a **FAVORABLE** report in committee.