

To whom it may concern,

My name is Joan P. Green, and I am 80 years old. I was born, reared and have lived in East Baltimore my entire life. I have lived in and raised a family, which spans three generations in East Baltimore. I have owned and sold property in East Baltimore and I currently reside with my husband in a house that we have owned for over 40 years. We both are graduates of Dunbar High School – class of 1958. Two of my four children, own homes in East Baltimore and one of my grandchildren also owns property. Two of my eight great grandchildren attend Elementary School at Henderson Hopkins. It is important that my loved ones and I are safe.

I am writing to express my strong opposition to SB 276, the bill that would repeal the Johns Hopkins Police Department. I am in favor of the Johns Hopkins Police Department.

Many family member work at Johns Hopkins Hospital and at the University. I constantly hear of violence via the news and I have been the victim of more than one car theft. I have also held the body of a woman who had been shot across the street from our home. The shooting took place in broad daylight. It was shocking and traumatic.

The sooner the police force is activated the better it will be for the Johns Hopkins communities.

The time for the police force is NOW. Increased violence in all communities calls for increased police presence in the JH communities. Until such time, as reduction in serious crime occurs, more surveillance and vigilance needs to be put in place. Citizens should have the comfort of safe travel and secure day-to-day transactions in their comings and goings. The Johns Hopkins Police presence should create a threat to violent offenders such that these crimes are reduced. The answer to more crime should be more protection for law abiding citizens.

I repeat, I oppose SB 276, the bill that would repeal the Johns Hopkins Police Department. **I am in favor of the Johns Hopkins Police Department.**

Thank you for reading and for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Joan P. Green