

My name is Nariman El Said and I am a resident of District 43, living in Old Goucher.

I am also a member of the Greater Baltimore Democratic Socialists of America who have been actively working to draw attention to the dire issue of police brutality and the complete lack of accountability for acts of violence, even murder, perpetrated on Baltimore city residents by private police forces.

Today, I come to you on behalf of our members, and on behalf of vulnerable residents across Maryland to ask for a favorable report on **HB0336 Private Institutions of Higher Education - Police Departments - Repeal and Prohibition.**

The use of private police forces is counterproductive to building community trust. Despite Hopkins' claims to the contrary, there has been and will continue to be no accountability to the Hopkins community and its surrounding neighbors. It is no wonder that public trust in these systems, and by consequence, you, our elected officials, is eroding.

Therefore, once again, it is incumbent upon you to give a favorable report on **HB0336 Private Institutions of Higher Education - Police Departments - Repeal and Prohibition** and begin the long journey of returning accountability and integrity to the office that you serve.

Thank you.

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