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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB0151, Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights - Repeal

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TO: Chair Clippinger and members of the House Judiciary Committee

FROM: Eric Miller

My name is Eric Miller, I live in Dorsey's Search in Columbia and I am writing to support LEOBR repeal, HB0151.

I am a proud member of the Greater Baltimore Democratic Socialists of America along with over 800 other dues-paying members across Maryland. Our membership has voted to endorse HB0151 as part of our broader platform position of reducing funding for the Baltimore Police Department and to ultimately replace the BPD with a community-controlled institute for conflict de-escalation, intervention, and mental health support.

Removing the excessive allowances and privileges that officers currently have under the LEOBR is a critical first-step in ensuring the accountability of law enforcement to the communities they serve and in re-building trust among working class communities of color that have borne the brunt of police abuses for decades.

I urge you to support SB0627 and help ensure that Maryland's law enforcement is being held to the highest standards of conduct.