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Position: **Favorable**

Sponsor: Delegate Acevero

Bill Number: **HB 151**

House Committee: Judiciary

Bill Title: Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights - Repeal

Dear Committee Chair Clippinger, Committee Vice Chair Atterbeary, and Committee Members:

I am a Marylander, and I strongly support HB 151.

LEOBR repeal is needed for racial justice and for holding officers accountable for the violence, abuse, and trauma they inflict on the community, mostly Black and Brown residents. Because of LEOBR, friends who sought justice after being traumatized by police brutality and police corruption were unable to obtain that justice. And those same brutal and corrupt police officers are still employed by police departments in Maryland today.

LEOBR has given law-enforcement officers special rights that no other employees in Maryland have. Those special rights shield law-enforcement officers from accountability for their misconduct. HB 151 puts an end to that unjust situation.

For those reasons, please support HB 151 and report it as Favorable from the committee.

Thank you.

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