

February 19, 2021  
HB0336  
Position: Favorable

I am submitting this testimony in favor of HB0336. Johns Hopkins should not create its own armed private police force. A private police force will only expand mistreatment and brutality of brown and black students, faculty, and staff at Johns Hopkins, as well as Baltimore's poor and black residents.

Police forces across the country are overwhelmingly unable to avoid unjustified use force and assaults by officers, and these injustices disproportionately affect black and brown persons. A private police force at Johns Hopkins will only serve to enforce gentrification driven by the university while continuing to uphold structural racism in Baltimore.

Funds would be better directed to address the root causes of crime, such as poverty and drug abuse. A private police force will only serve to harm those suffering from poverty and drug addiction and will not increase public safety.

Sincerely,

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