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To whom it may concern:

My name is Todd Scott. I live approximately two blocks north of Johns Hopkins Hospital in East Baltimore. I moved back to East Baltimore in 2016.

I oppose the House Bill that would eliminate the JHPD.

Baltimore City has reached another grave milestone at the end of 2020. For the sixth consecutive year, Baltimore has more than 300 homicides for the year. This is very sad. We must implement various strategies to prevent these horrific tragedies.

A Johns Hopkins Police Department would relieve the severely understaffed Baltimore City Police Department of its current duties overseeing the John Hopkins footprint. In addition, a relationship between the JHPD and the community can be formed to open a line of communication and build a bond.

In conclusion, I oppose the House Bill 1284. Thank you.

Regards,

Todd Scott