

Dear Members of the House Judiciary Committee,

I am a Maryland resident and I strongly urge committee members to support HB0151, which will repeal the Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights (LEOBR). The LEOBR is a major obstacle in the way of true accountability and transparency in Maryland law enforcement as most officers only come away with a slap on the wrist for even the most egregious cases of misconduct (or to be less euphemistic: abuse). This law won't solve the problem of unaccountability in Maryland law enforcement, but it is a necessary first step toward ensuring that abusive or murderous police officers see consequences for their unjust actions, that law enforcement agencies' actions and budgets are placed under closer scrutiny, and that Black lives do in fact matter in the state of Maryland.

Sincerely,

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