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Testimony on HB151  
*Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights - Repeal*  
Judiciary Committee

Position: **FAVORABLE**

I, Ethan McNary, on behalf of Sunrise Movement Baltimore, support HB151, the repeal of the Law Enforcement Officer's Bill of Rights.

The Sunrise Movement is a youth movement to stop climate change and create millions of good jobs in the process. We're building an army of young people to make climate change an urgent priority across America, end the corrupting influence of fossil fuel executives on our politics, and elect leaders who stand up for the health and wellbeing of all people.

According to the Sunrise Movement's 11th Principle, "We fight for the liberation of all people. We honor and continue the work of movements that came before us. We are fighting to become the generation that turns the tide against racism and the institutions built upon it. We unlearn oppressive attitudes and fearlessly confront a status quo that divides us based on our skin color, the money in our pockets, where we live, who we love and who we are."

The Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights (LEOBR) is a key barrier to ensuring police are accountable to the communities they are supposed to serve. LEOBR is the most extreme such law on the books in the entire country and prevents a thorough, transparent, and neutral investigation of police misconduct. LEOBR affords law enforcement officers special protections, like a delay before questioning and limits on who can investigate misconduct. There is no reason that public officials should be more accountable to the law that the average person should have greater protections than the rest of us.

We, the young people of Sunrise Movement Baltimore, urge a **FAVORABLE** report for this vital legislation.