

February 19, 2021
HB0336
Judiciary Committee
Position: Favorable

Judiciary Committee members,

I am formally submitting this written testimony in favor of HB0336, Repeal and Prohibition of Police Departments for Private Institutions of Higher Education.

I am not comfortable with a private organization that exploits the citizens of Baltimore and creates gentrification out of nothing, while paying zero taxes, being allowed to employ their own private police force.

Furthermore, policing in Baltimore is already problematic. We do not need to add more police officers to the mix. The city should focus on fixing the problems with its own police instead of allowing organizations to privatize policing. The people of Baltimore deserve to have control over who polices them. By allowing a private police force controlled by a non-government entity (as incompetent as I believe our city government is), you are taking away the few rights the people of Baltimore have when dealing with the police.

I expect my government officials to protect my interests. We must prohibit private police forces now, else the power of private organizations like JHU to continue to exploit the citizens of Baltimore with no government oversight will spiral out of control.

Sincerely,

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