

SB0276 Johns Hopkins University - Police Department – Repeal

Stance: Support

Testimony: My name is Adiena C. Britt and I am a resident of the 45th Legislative District of Baltimore city. I am writing to offer my support for SB0276 as a full Repeal of the JHU Private Police Department. As someone who has been engaged in, and witnessed several cases of peaceful civil actions to protest various causes in and around the Johns Hopkins University Campus, I can attest to the overreach and abuses of this private police force. This force is not only redundant within City Limits, but is also rife with “bad apples” that move from being employed by the BCPD onto this force since it’s considered a more cushy and profitable position without all of the potential risk of being a BCPD officer.

I personally know individuals who were assaulted, abused, and placed under false arrest to be handed over to BCPD, as the JHU private police seem to work in conjunction with BCPD. They are beyond the reproach of citizens having a means to report misconduct, and any reporting seems to fall on deaf ears. No one in positions of authority at JHU are willing to hold any of these officers accountable which opens the door wide for abuses and misconduct. There appears to be no oversight of this entity, and the allowance of this police force should be repealed and disallowed sooner rather than later.

Please allow this bill to be presented to the full Senate and House and passed into Law.

Thank you.

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