

HB0956 Criminal Procedure - Law Enforcement Procedures - Use of Force

Stance: Favorable with Amendments

Testimony: My name is Adiena C. Britt and I reside in the 45th Legislative District of Baltimore City. I am writing to offer my testimony for Police Officer's Use of Force legislation. I do not know why there are all of these last minute submissions of bills with the same types of names. I support HB0139 that was cross filed with SB0626 and have also submitted my testimony for those. This bill, HB0956 seems like a last minute mad scramble to submit something and seems lacking in comparison to these prior bills. If this bill is to move forward, it needs to be amended to include more substantial changes that reflect an actual Use of Force policy that makes the murder of a civilian the absolute last resort. Period. Traffic stops, controlled substance encounters, and most other instances where an encounter with a Law Enforcement officer should never result in the beating, maiming, or killing of an individual. In most cases, these people are proven unarmed. Enough is enough. Please see my other attachment of testimony.

Thank you.

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