

To Chair Clippinger, Vice Chair Atterbeary and the esteemed Members of the House Judiciary Committee,

My name is Quan Gan. I am a resident of District 40, living in Mount Vernon, Baltimore City. I am writing to urge the House Judiciary Committee to report favorably on HB0151, which would repeal the Maryland Law Enforcement Officer's Bill of Rights (LEOBR).

As a resident of Baltimore City, I am deeply concerned about the corruption and abuse of power that have plagued the Baltimore Police Department (BPD) for many years. BPD officers have been involved in all kinds of shameful activities, including illegal searches, racketeering, witness coaching, drug dealing, and wanton racist violence. Unfortunately, these abuses don't appear to be waylaid by the imposition of a consent decree, as evidenced [by the more than 1,800 complaints against Baltimore Police Dept.](#) just since its implementation in 2015. As a working-class person of color, I do not feel safe or protected living in a city that fails to hold its law enforcement officers accountable.

I believe that to properly hold the BPD accountable, the Maryland Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights (LEOBR) must be repealed. With the protections of LEOBR, police are effectively allowed to operate without outside oversight or intervention from the criminal justice system that they are supposed to uphold. The repeal of the LEOBR would be a critical first step to ensuring that police officers who abuse their powers face legal consequences.

I emphatically hope that you'll report favorably on HB0151.

Thank you.

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