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The Honorable Chairman Luke Clippinger and Members  
House Judiciary Committee  
Maryland General Assembly  
Annapolis, Md 20401

Mr. Chairman and Members,

I strongly oppose HB 336 and HB 1284, Private Institutions of Higher Education-  
Police Departments- Repeal and Prohibition

I served in the House of Delegates for 20 years, representing the 46th District.  
Currently I am honored to be a Trustee Emeritus of the John's Hopkins Bayview  
Medical Center. That campus is not involved in this legislation. More importantly, five  
generations of my family have lived in the neighborhoods cared for by the John's  
Hopkins Hospital.

I know what it is like to leave the bedside of a loved one and feel the additional anxiety  
in just the act of walking to my car. I know what it is like to worry for the patients and  
the employees as they walk around that large campus. In addition I am watching as  
the Baltimore City Police Department struggles to redefine and rebuild their agency. I  
believe the Hopkins Police Force is a great partner to Baltimore City just as the Police  
forces at University Hospital and Morgan State University are.

I know that you did not pass the bill authorizing the Hopkins Police Force lightly. You  
listened and you studied and you deliberated. Please do not doubt that decision now.

Please vote in opposition to HB 336 and HB 1284

Thank you for your consideration.

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