

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

I'm **Dave Heilker** and I'm a resident of **District 43, Living in Remington.**

**All throughout 2020, I've been organizing with comrades across multiple groups to create meaningful change in the way we conduct law enforcement, and the way that all law enforcement officers engage with the public. To that end, I ask the Judiciary to begin the legislative component of this critical work with a favorable report on HB0151.**

The repeal of the Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights (or LEOBR) is a critical first step to ensuring that police are not abusing their powers with the shielding of a completely disparate set of legal protections. We have seen, time and time again, that when people in positions of perceived power are allowed unrestricted authority, [this power is consistently abused](#).

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.

Police, like elected officials, must be accountable to the people they serve, but with the protections of LEOBR, police are effectively allowed to mete their perversion of justice exclusively internally, without the impacts of oversight or intervention from the criminal justice system that they are supposed to uphold.

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

Thank you.

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