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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF Bill #HB0151, Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights -
Repeal

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TO: Chair Clippinger and members of the House Judiciary Committee
FROM: Michael T. Coco

Members of the Judiciary Committee, my name is Michael Coco I live in Baltimore City, Maryland, and I am writing to support the full repeal of the Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights (LEOBR) – HB-0151.

LEOBR gives special rights to police officers that ordinary people do not get, and prevents communities from investigating misconduct that could lead to discipline. As a result, only a very small percentage of complaints actually result in discipline. It doesn't have to be this way. Maryland is in the minority as a state that still has this regressive law.

Anything short of a full repeal-- is unacceptable. To keep Maryland safe, we need to stop giving cops special rights and hold them accountable for their actions

I urge you to support HB0151 and help ensure that Maryland's law enforcement is being held to the highest standards of conduct.

Thank you.

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