



**TESTIMONY FOR HB1284  
JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY – POLICE DEPARTMENT - REPEAL**

**Bill Sponsor:** Delegate Acevero

**Committee:** Judiciary

**Organization Submitting:** Maryland Legislative Coalition

**Person Submitting:** Cecilia Plante, co-chair

**Position:** FAVORABLE

I am submitting this testimony in favor of HB1284 on behalf of the Maryland Legislative Coalition. The Maryland Legislative Coalition is an association of activists - individuals and grassroots groups in every district in the state. We are unpaid citizen lobbyists, and our Coalition supports well over 30,000 members.

Many of our Coalition members opposed the creation of a police force at Johns Hopkins University. We believe that universities and other organizations should not have their own policing force. This leads to irregularities in how certain populations are treated and we feel that private policing violates the rights of the individuals who live and work on the premises.

The Maryland Legislative Coalition supports the repeal of this police force and recommend a **FAVORABLE** report in committee.