The Honorable Luke Clippinger Chair, House Judiciary Committee House Office Building, Room 101 6 Bladen St., Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: Opposition to HB 336 Private Institutions of Higher Education – Police Departments – Repeal and Prohibition

Dear Honorable Clippinger:

I currently live at 1022 McDonogh Street in Maryland House of Delegates District 45. I have lived in Baltimore since 1989. I walk to and from my job at The Johns Hopkins Hospital.

I am writing in opposition to HB 336 Private Institutions of Higher Education – Police Departments – Repeal and Prohibition.

I have been active in my neighborhood association in east Baltimore where issues of crime and security are paramount. I am also on the board of a non-profit that falls into the zone that will be covered by the proposed Hopkins police force.

I believe that Johns Hopkins is committed to the safety and security of its community and will develop a police force that will be a model of its kind. Johns Hopkins has committed to levels of training that are not present in today's city police force. The transparency and community involvement that are part of the enabling legislation will assure continued accountability.

Other institutions in the city already have private police forces that have enhanced their communities and not detracted from Baltimore City as a whole.

I am opposed to HB 336 Private Institutions of Higher Education – Police Departments – Repeal and Prohibition.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely.

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