

SB 419 Favorable with Amendment
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SB 419 SUPPORT Maryland Police Accountability Act of 2021 - Search Warrants

House Judiciary Committee

Thursday, March 25 2021 at 1:30pm

Dear Chair Clippinger, Vice Chair Atterbeary, and members of the House Judiciary Committee:

My name is Ann Dalrymple, and I live in Owings Mills in Baltimore County, Maryland. I am active in the Social Justice Ministry of Sacred Heart Catholic Church Glyndon, and my testimony is in support of SB 419 with a suggestion for an amendment.

No knock warrants were developed during the Nixon administration, used to support campaign “tough on crime” ads, was later repealed, and then returned in the 1980’s. Since that time, there have been 8-10 cases/year nationally in which completely innocent people are killed by no knock raids. After the Breonna Taylor was shot 8 times and killed in the middle of the night in St. Louis, Senator Rand Paul introduced a bill to repeal laws permitting no knock warrants for federal agents. The Maryland Senate bill does reduce the chances that no knock raids will result in wrongful death, but does not go far enough.

I urge a favorable report on SB 419 with an amendment to require documents attached to the warrant application showing that no under age or disabled persons have been present in the home to be invaded for at least the most recent 30 days that target has resided in or visited that home.

Sincerely,

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Ann Dalrymple, MD, MS