

**Testimony for the House Judiciary Committee
February 9, 2021**

HB 151– Law Enforcement Officers’ Bill of Rights – Repeal

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To Chairman Clippinger, Vice Chair Atterbeary, and Committee members,

My name is Anna Evans-Goldstein and I live in Baltimore, Maryland. I am testifying in support of HB 151 to repeal the Law Enforcement Officers’ Bill of Rights (“LEOBR”) and create a streamlined system without the procedural barriers that prevent discipline.

While Maryland was the model for laws like this across the country, we still have the most extreme version. There is no accountability for police officers in this state due to LEOBR. Baltimore City has made headlines due to the actions of its police force on numerous occasions, and yet still there is little accountability. It is unnecessary for police officers to have extra protections from accountability than other government workers. They should have the same rights as other government employees. It is beyond due that LEOBR be repealed.

HB 151 is a necessary bill so that Maryland finally stops shielding officers from accountability. Now is the time for a full repeal of LEOBR. I urge a favorable vote on HB 151.

Sincerely,
Anna Evans-Goldstein