

HB 1089 – Police-Free Schools Act

Oppose

Testimony for 3/3/2021

House Ways and Means

I support School Resource Officers (SROs) because I believe they provide safety for all students and teachers. I think School Resource Officer programs are the best use of scarce resources for improving school climates and student outcomes. In Montgomery County, high school principals overwhelmingly support SROs.

Our Montgomery County police chief just announced this week that Montgomery County had a record-breaking seven homicides last month. Our community is becoming more dangerous, not less. How do you make schools safer by removing officers from the schools? It makes no sense. If you believe in safe schools, you must support SROs to keep them safe.

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