

I was unable to register to testify on March 1, 2021, due to technical difficulties with the MGA website, for the hearing on the referenced bill. I respectfully submit this email for the record, in opposition to HB 1089! The Baltimore City School Police Force are not Resort Officers. They are highly trained and well disciplined members of the black community, who live in Baltimore City in most cases, are themselves products of city schools, and have children and grandchildren enrolled in same! Our officers receive special training in how to socialize poor, inner city youth, and have been recently assigned to also police our rolling skating rink (Shake & Bake), located in the worst part of the inner city, Sandtown/Winchester! Many of the students in this community have no father figure whatsoever in their lives! Our officers fill this vacuum in our schools and skating rink! Many of our officers coach our sports teams, and develop life long enduring relationships with our youth!

For the forgoing reasons I respectfully submit this document in opposition to HB 1089!

Sincerely,

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