## Bill HB0425

As a member of the LGBTQIA+ community and a proud Marylander, I am strongly against this bill. This bill will not protect my community nor my family, in fact it will further the oppression of my community by arming the police, giving them tools to discriminate against my group, POCs, and other minorities. As a gay man, it is important that my community has its protection, and this bill will tear away any protection we have to defend ourselves.