

TESTIMONY OF JOAN FLOYD ON HB 853 - FAVORABLE

House Judiciary Committee - Bill Hearing March 7, 2023

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TO: Chair Clippinger, Vice Chair Moon and Members of the Committee

FROM: Joan Floyd, District 43a

Re: Support for HB 853

I am a resident of Baltimore City since 1979, a homeowner for 27 years in what is now District 43a, and a strong proponent of last November's Question H. I am very concerned that our Baltimore City Council is being told it lacks authority to enact legislation affecting the Baltimore City Police Department. I do not see anything in 2021 Chapter 133 that suggested there should be any such lack of legislative authority after January 1, 2023.

I ask for your favorable report on HB 853 with the earliest possible effective date. The only amendment I support is one that provides an earlier effective date and/or makes the effect retroactive.

Thank you.

- Joan Floyd