



TESTIMONY TO THE JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS COMMITTEE

SB 532 – Police Discipline – Order to Show Cause

POSITION: Oppose

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The League of Women Voters supports a criminal justice system that is just, effective, equitable, transparent, and that fosters public trust at all stages.

SB 532 seeks to authorize a police officer who is being investigated for misconduct to interrupt those investigative proceedings by filing a claim in the state circuit court contending that certain rights are being violated.

The bill calls for a procedure that is antithetical to the process established in the [Maryland Police Accountability Act \(MPAA\) of 2021](#). In the MPAA's disciplinary protocol, the accused must go through the entire administrative process before appealing their decision to a court and cannot interrupt the process to complain to a court that one or more of their rights has been violated. It is unclear why an exception should be made in this instance.

We urge an **unfavorable report on SB 532**.