

Dear **Member of the House Judiciary Committee**,

This testimony is being submitted by Showing Up for Racial Justice Baltimore. We are also working in collaboration with the Campaign for Justice, Safety, and Jobs (CJSJ). I am a resident of **District 45**. **I am testifying in support of HB0139.**

Current statutes often lead to agencies turning over their files to the Administrative Charging Committee (ACC) “at the last minute,” leaving the ACC little time to work. To ensure the ACC has sufficient time to review completed investigations, **HB0139** would require the law enforcement agency to complete their investigations within 9 months. I also **support an amendment** which would lift the cap of 30 days on the ACC review, so that the ACC would have until the end of the one year and one day period to complete a thorough review.

Giving the ACC sufficient time to review completed investigations is a wise change to the law for all parties. Hasty reviews completed more to a deadline than to the purpose for which the ACC is convened can only serve to make errors, misapprehensions, and miscarriages of justice easier. A longer duration for the Internal Affairs Department investigation can serve to drag out the impact of an investigation and the subsequent review on the life of the officer or officers being investigated and their colleagues. It behooves all involved to complete reviews in a timely fashion, including completed Administrative Charging Committee reviews, so that our law enforcement officers can refocus their attention on protecting and serving their communities.

It is for this reason that I am encouraging you to vote **in support of HB0139 Misconduct Investigation Deadline, with amendments.**

Thank you for your time, service, and consideration.

Sincerely,

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