

Dear **Members of the 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. I am a resident of **District 45. I am testifying in support of HB0122 - Police Accountability - Police Complainant.**

A police officer's job is difficult and stressful in the best of circumstances. Tasked with protecting and serving the public, officers routinely encounter crime and violence, often putting their own lives at risk. At the same time, they may face distrust from the very communities they serve. They struggle against a common public perception that "all cops are bad" and will always cover up each other's misdeeds.

Passing HB0122 would strengthen the MD Police Accountability Act by allowing police officers, as well as members of the public, to file complaints with the PAB about any misconduct by police. Officers facing the difficult task of how to respond to a colleague's misconduct would have the PAB as an additional resource, rather than relying solely on internal investigative processes.

It is crucial that honorable, law-abiding officers—those who cannot turn a blind eye to criminality in their own workplace—have multiple avenues to file complaints about police misconduct. These avenues should include the civilian-run Police Accountability Boards as well as internal investigative bodies. Good police officers are pillars of our communities, and they deserve to have the same access to the PAB that other community members have. It is for these reasons that I am encouraging you to vote **in support of HB0122 - Police Accountability - Police Complainant.**

Thank you for your time, service, and consideration.

Sincerely,

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