

Testimony on House Bill 336 – Favorable
HB336 –Criminal Procedure – District Court Commissioners and False Statements

House Judiciary Committee

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Dear Honorable Chair Smith, Vice Chair Waldstreicher , and Members of the Committee,

My name is Lupe Hawkins, and I am a resident of Prince George's County, Maryland. I am writing in support of –Criminal Procedure – District Court Commissioners and False Statements.

I have testified before the house for the last two years to prevent others from going through the nightmare that I lived through. For several years, I was a victim of someone using the judicial system as a weapon to deliberately cause harm to myself and my family out of spite and pure hatred.

In 2012, a very dishonest woman decided to make a false report against me, and without any investigation, I was arrested and placed in jail. This is where this long, horrific nightmare began.

For five long years, I was charged more than 22 times based on false accusations made maliciously by the same woman. By the second year, it was verified in court that she had lied to the state and to the House of Ruth. In fact, a House of Ruth advocate and attorney filed a right to withdraw representation because she admitted to them that she had lied and that the entire story was made up.

Instead of the charges against me being dropped, the judge sealed that document and sent my case to a full jury trial, allowing her to testify against me. Despite knowing she was lying and not credible. That decision empowered her.

For the next several years, this woman continued to make malicious false accusations. Not once was she charged with making a false report or committing perjury.

After nearly five years, more than 22 charges, multiple speedy trial hearings, jury trials, home confinement, and time in jail, **I was finally exonerated of all charges.**

She was eventually convicted, but not for any of the false statements she made against me. She was convicted of attempting to kill me in front of my mother's home.

Today, I call myself a survivor. My family and I have made it our mission to help humanize those going through similar situations.

It should never be this easy to destroy someone's life maliciously with no fear of accountability. We are simply asking for stronger screening and real accountability. Making false accusations is a crime and should be treated as one.

I respectfully ask you to give HB336 a favorable vote and to give innocent people a fair chance at a peaceful life.

Very Respectfully,
Lupe Hawkins
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