

My name is Janet Tupper and offer a **favorable testimony** in support of **SB0854 and HB1262 with a full ban racial profiling by law enforcement.**

I believe racial profiling has long been a problem within the US law enforcement system since the foundation of our country. In recent years law enforcement agencies across the country have made efforts to educate and train officers to be aware of their own biases and guard against racial profiling.

However, under the Trump administration this progress been erased by immigration officers where bias and profiling have escalated to alarming levels. It has been shocking to see federal agents acting lawlessly as they flood American cities across the country. We have witnessed them abusing their authority as they have engaged in blatant racial profiling, illegal and baseless arrests, and excessive force against people trying to live their lives. Unfortunately, in an alarming decision last summer, the US Supreme Court refused to uphold constitutional rights and check federal abuses Justice Kavanaugh went so far as to justify and defend the practice of racial profiling, which served to downplay the individual and social harms of actions long considered blatant violations of the Fourth and Fourteenth Amendments of the U.S. Constitution. This invited law enforcement to profile based on perceived race or ethnicity, which they have done with enthusiasm.

Without clear state-level protection, federal rulings and US Supreme Court decisions can weaken fourth amendment rights in Maryland. This bill seeks to limit federal abuse.

Therefore, **I am encouraging you to vote in support of SB0854/HB1262 - Public Safety - Law Enforcement Officers - Restrictions**

Sincerely,

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