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TESTIMONY ON HB#/0464- POSITION: FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS

Criminal Procedure - No-Knock Search Warrants – Repeal

TO: Chair Bartlett, Vice Chair Davis, and members of the Judiciary Committee

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My name is Richard Keith Kaplowitz. I am a resident of District 3, Frederick County. I am submitting this testimony in support with amendments of HB#/0464, Criminal Procedure - No-Knock Search Warrants – Repeal

This bill appears to be similar in purpose and wording to HB0835, I suggest that the bills be combined and a strong bill with the best features of both be adopted. I compared downloaded copies of the legislative language of both bills using <https://tools.pdf24.org/en/compare-pdf>. Absent that I favor withdrawal of one of the bills with amendments to the other to reconcile differences.

I favor an amendment to the bill in which these warrants may not be issued for immigration enforcement without specific constitutional guarantees on the conduct of the resulting contemplated actions by law enforcement. The persons conducting such a no-knock immigration raid may not be issued that warrant absent proof it is criminal actions and not civil immigration violations that are the reason for the warrant request. Police can maintain this regrettable but sometimes necessary action but with stronger controls over what specific actions are or are not permitted in exercising that warrant.

I respectfully urge this committee to return a favorable with amendments report on HB#/0464.