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Testimony on SB178
Reform Maryland Public Information Act (Anton's Law)
Judicial Proceedings

Position: **FAVORABLE**

I, Ethan McNary, on behalf of Sunrise Movement Baltimore, support SB178, Anton's Law.

Maryland's laws are among the worst in the country when it comes to the public's right to know whether a police officer is under investigation, the results of investigations, and whether officers have ever been disciplined.

Anton's Law is the beginning of long overdue legislation to address the failures in state law that allow corrupt and racist cops to routinely commit violence with impunity. If passed, the Act will increase transparency and accountability - two things the state has failed at routinely. Also, Anton's Law would create statewide use of force standards to address the disproportionate use of force against people of color by law enforcement.

We urge a **FAVORABLE** report for this vital legislation.