

424 Whitridge Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21218

February 7, 2021

The Honorable Luke Clippinger
Chair, House Judiciary Committee
House Office Building, Room 101
6 Bladen St., Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Honorable Clippinger:

My name is Miller J. Roberts, III and I live at 424 Whitridge in the Harwood community, which is near the Homewood Campus. (Baltimore City Council District 12, Maryland District 45) My partner and I have lived in the community for 11 years and have been active in the Harwood Community Association for the same amount of time. I am writing to share my opposition to House Bill 336 which would repeal JHU's ability to create a police department.

As a Baltimorean, I know too well the challenges that our city faces when it comes to crime. I also know that it is going to take many organizations to resolve these challenges in the city. I firmly believe that JHU has the capability to create a community oriented, highly trained university police department that will be able to help improve security, strengthen public safety, and ultimately address some root causes of our crime problems. As a result, I am strongly opposed to the passing of House Bill 336 that would prevent JHU from creating a police department.

During the past several years, neighbors and I have worked hard with the various neighborhood organizations to do our part to improve the security and safety of the area near the Homewood campus, but more is needed. I believe that JHU university police department will help us make a greater impact and I hope that Johns Hopkins will fight to retain their right to establish and maintain a police force around their campuses.

Thank you for your time and I cannot reiterate enough how much I oppose House Bill 336.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Miller Roberts, III", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Miller Roberts, III