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Bill HB0336  
Position: Favorable

I am writing in support of House Bill 0336, which would ban private universities in Maryland from establishing police departments. As we have seen time and time again this year, policing actively harms communities, especially low-income communities and communities of color, while failing to prevent crime. Additional policing is therefore the exact opposite of what is needed to keep communities safe. Furthermore, private institutions establishing their own police forces introduces a plethora of accountability and transparency issues. There is simply no good reason for private institutions like Johns Hopkins to establish their own police forces, and it is clear that there will be no accountability when these private police forces cause harm. Therefore, I support HB0336 and urge private institutions such as Johns Hopkins to re-invest their funds earmarked for private police forces into their surrounding communities.