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Greetings and Salutation,

My name is Alan Reyes and I have lived in Eager Park, District 45, since April of 2017. In addition, I am a native of Baltimore City. I write today as a private citizen gravely concerned about the safety of my neighborhood and community and as the president of the Townes at Eager Park Homeowners Association where violent crime is an ongoing and urgent challenge.

I support the establishment of the Johns Hopkins Police Department, and oppose House Bill 1284, since my community is disproportionately impacted by violent crime, property crimes and gun violence. Within steps of my home, patients, healthcare workers and neighbors have been held at gunpoint, assaulted, and even shot and killed. Property damage is a blight on our neighborhood with breaking and entering of motor vehicles and homes being a daily – and terrifying - event.

The criminal activity is corrosive to our community. It has caused families to move out of East Baltimore, healthcare professionals to seek work elsewhere and the majority of local employees to proudly announce that they live out in the county and would not live in East Baltimore due to the crime. Though world-renowned healthcare and education is provided at Johns Hopkins, patients, staff and students have reported their unease navigating the crime-burdened neighborhood.

Based on the excessive violent crime and the need for patients, staff, and residents to have additional security, I support the establishment and continued development of the Johns Hopkins Police Department.

To be clear, I strongly oppose HB 1284.

Thank you to the committee for its consideration.

Sincerely,

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