

February 10, 2021

Re: Opposition to HB 336 Private Institutions of Higher Education-Police Departments-Repeal and Prohibition

To Honorable Luke Clippinger, Chairman, House Judiciary Committee,

I Oppose House Bill 336

My name is Ingrid Collazo and I am in favor of the Johns Hopkins Police task force, both as a Health system employee and neighborhood resident. I strongly urge the committee to issue an unfavorable report on HB 336.

As a 14 year resident in the East Baltimore area, I have experienced several incidents where I have appealed to Johns Hopkins security and more often than not they have not shown up. I do not fault them but rather I realize that such things as security escorts (on foot or automotive) are not a high priority on their list as some of the other tasks they have.

It is my belief that a Johns Hopkins Police task force joined with Johns Hopkins security will make a stronger team and not stretch the security department thin, causing them to be over-worked and under-staffed. I believe that there is strength in numbers and this collaboration will make our security team stronger and well recognized within the community. This recognition will serve well as a deterrent to local campus crimes such as assault, harassment etc.

I anticipate the presence of Johns Hopkins Police Department will create a positive impact also reassuring our hospital patients, visitors, vendors, staff and faculty. I also believe it will benefit the neighborhood and bring some calm and reassurance to the residents of the local Johns Hopkins community.

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