POLICING IN MARYLAND IS BROKEN
PASS THESE POLICE REFORMS IN 2021

Dear Senate President Bill Ferguson, House Speaker Adrienne Jones, Senator Will Smith, Delegates Luke Clippinger and Vanessa Atterbeary, and Maryland legislative leaders,

Maryland needs you to move your Black Lives Matter tweets into action. Over 75 organizations, together with many elected officials, are united. We urge you to pass 5 necessary police reform bills in the next legislative session:

It has been clear for decades that police cannot be trusted to police themselves. We have seen the Maryland General Assembly fail in recent years when police killings have demanded a far greater response.

How many more Black and Latinx residents must be killed or abused by police before you finally act? You have the power to fundamentally change abusive police practices, not just offer cosmetic changes that uphold the worst aspects of a white supremacist system.

Thousands of Marylanders demand police reform. The time is now to act courageously. Pass these reforms and protect countless lives in our state.

Respectfully,

1. Repeal in full the Law Enforcement Officers’ Bill of Rights.
2. Reform the Public Information Act to allow disclosure of all complaints of police misconduct.
3. Establish a statewide use of force policy that will prevent officers from using force unless it is necessary.
4. Remove school resource officers from schools.
5. Return control of the Baltimore City Police Department to Baltimore City residents.

Advocates for Children and Youth
ACLU of Maryland
ACLU of Maryland, Montgomery County Chapter
Anonymity International
Arts Education in Maryland Schools (AEMS) Alliance
Baltimore Action Legal Team
Baltimore Bonnie Unit
Baltimore City Civilian Review Board
Baltimore for Border Justice
Be More Unified
Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR)
Office in Maryland
CASA
Caucus of African-Americans Leaders
Citizens Policing Project
Coalition for Justice for Anton Black
Coalition of Concerned Mothers
Coalition of people Opposed Violence and Extremism
Common Cause Maryland
Community Actively Seeking Transparency (C.A.S.T.)
Disability Rights Maryland
Do the Most Good
Drug Policy Alliance
For Kathy’s sake
Free State Justice
Greater Baltimore Democratic Socialists of America - Steering Committee
Hispanic National Law Enforcement Association
Homesless Persons Representation Project
Innocence Project Interfaith Action for Human Rights
Jews United For Justice
Job Opportunities Task Force
Justice Policy Institute Law Enforcement Action Partnership Leaders of a Beautiful Struggle
League of Women Voters Maryland
LGBTQ Dignity Project
Life After Release
Making Changes
Mama Sisterhood of Prince George’s County
March for Our Lives Maryland
Maryland Alliance for Justice Reform
Maryland Center on Economic Policy
Maryland Consumer Rights Coalition
Maryland Justice Project
Maryland Poor People’s Campaign
Maryland Prisoners’ Rights Coalition
Maryland Restorative Justice Initiative
Maryland State Conference of NAACP Branches
Maryland’s Communities to Prevent Gun Violence
Maryland’s Communities to Protect Our Children
Montgomery County Democratic Socialists of America
Mothers on the Move
NARAL Pro-Choice Maryland
NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund
National Coalition for Drug Legalization
Nigerian American Lawyers Association
Washington DC Chapter Office of the Public Defender
Organizing Black
Our Maryland
Our Prince George’s
Our Revolution Maryland
Out For Justice Planned Parenthood of Maryland
Power Inside
Prevent Gun Violence Ministry
Progressive Maryland
Public Justice Center
Racial Justice NOW!
Rebuild, Overcome, and Rise (ROAR)
Center at UMB
Reproductive Justice Inside
Sanctuary DMV
SEIU 1980
Showing up for racial justice Annapolis and Anne Arundel county (SURJ3A)
Showing Up for Racial Justice, Baltimore
Showing Up for Racial Justice, Montgomery County
Sierra Club
Silver Spring
Justice Coalition
Takoma Park
Mobilization
West Wednesdays
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NAACP Branch 7028
Women’s Law Center
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