

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 5 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

Amnesty International

Arts Education in Maryland Schools (AEMS) Alliance

Baltimore Action Legal Team

Baltimore Bern 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

FreeState Justice

Greater Baltimore Democratic Socialists of America - Steering Committee

Hispanic National Law Enforcement Association

Homeless 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

Marylanders to Prevent Gun Violence

Montgomery County Civil Rights Coalition

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, River Road Unitarian Universalist Congregation

Prince George's People's Coalition

Prisons to Professionals

Progressive Maryland

Public Justice Center

Racial Justice NOW!

Rebuild, Overcome, and Rise (ROAR) Center at UMB

Reproductive Justice Inside

Sanctuary DMV

SEIU 1199

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 Maryland Chapter

Silver Spring Justice Coalition

Takoma Park Mobilization

West Wednesdays

Wicomico County NAACP Branch 7028

Women's Law Center