



January 16, 2019

The Honorable Mary Washington
Maryland State Senate
102 James Senate Office Building
11 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Senator Washington:

On behalf of the Guilford Association Board of Managers, I am writing to support authorization for Johns Hopkins University to create a university police department that would not only serve their campuses, but adjacent communities such as ours. The Guilford Association represents over 800 households in the North Baltimore community adjacent to the Hopkins Homewood campus.

As you are aware, crime in Baltimore is alarming. It unfortunately has become a national descriptor of our city and has had a negative effect on the city's institutions and neighborhoods. Guilford is not immune to the crime increase, including assaults, which have caused a considerable degree of concern and alarm among our residents. The highest priority of the Guilford Board of Managers is maintaining a safe, secure, welcoming environment. Guilford has found it necessary to create a private security patrol contracting with Wolf Professional Security to provide a neighborhood guard service. We would benefit from additional patrols provided by a Johns Hopkins University police department. Further it would relieve over extended Baltimore City police officers.

We've been following Hopkins' efforts over the past year, reviewed the interim study report and have met with JHU representatives. We feel confident that they will create a model police department that will complement Baltimore City Police and provide an additional layer of much needed security.

Representing an active and vocal community, rich in history, I strongly encourage you to support Johns Hopkins University's Police Department.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Thomas R. Hobbs', is positioned above the typed name.

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Cc: Mary Pat Clarke, City Council 14th District

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