



Maryland Alliance for Justice Reform

Dear Delegate

As your constituent, when you are considering SB626 at the hearing on Thursday, March 25, I ask you to restore the original definition and specific examples of lethal force and the restrictions on its use (pages 3-7).

Current, fear-based policing tactics with insufficient legislative oversight have led to the all-too-often recurring, tragic and unnecessary killing of civilians. The House bill (HB670) wisely offers explicit, bright-line guidance to police authorities: a clear definition of 'lethal force'; examples of 'reasonable alternatives'; and an objective standard of 'imminent threat.' If this language is not restored, the police will be left to set their own lethal force standards.

We need your good work on this matter!

Thank you,

Sincerely,