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Subject: Testimony for Today's Committee Hearing on Police Accountability

Chair Conway:

When you called me to testify and the "unmute" button came up, I responded immediately but nothing happened. I repeatedly tried to get the button to respond but it would not. I was finally able to write a message in the chat saying that I was attempting to testify. Apparently your staff did not see it in time before you ended the hearing.

This is extremely frustrating, as I had listened to all 2 3/4 hours of the hearing and was looking forward to providing my testimony in person and on the record.

Below is the testimony that I would have given orally, had the "unmute" feature worked. Please put it in the record and please share it with the other Committee members:

The workload of the PAB and ACC will soon include complaints against the Johns Hopkins University Police Department, which has recently become operational to some degree. But many preliminary issues with JHUPD remain outstanding. Some colleagues and I have tried to make the City Council aware that you have a fundamental role in accountability with respect to the JHU Police Department. In particular, you must ensure that JHUPD does not operate outside the geographical boundaries that are set forth in State law. We see this as a preliminary role, a responsibility that needs to be exercised before people are compelled to file complaints that will just be forwarded on to JHU. JHU has, for three years now, published "jurisdictional boundary" maps that do not reflect State law. We have every reason to believe that they intend to operate beyond the boundaries ceded to them by BPD.

Three months ago, I submitted a set of questions to BPD (which gave JHUPD the green light) that included a request to convey BPD's understanding of JHUPD's boundaries. There has been no response from BPD.

Our letter to Council President Cohen, raising this jurisdictional issue and others, has never been acknowledged. The letter was subsequently forwarded to you but never acknowledged.

We need the City Council to care about these issues and to take preemptive action to protect the public. This is one of the many reasons why there has been, and continues to be, a call for the City Council to hold a separate hearing on the JHUPD.

- Joan Floyd

