April 17, 2018

President Ronald J. Daniels  
Office of the President  
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Dear President Ronald Daniels,

The House Judiciary Committee considered HB 1803 – Baltimore City – Independent Institutions of Higher Education – Police Force during the current Legislative Session. The committee gave serious consideration to the bill but ultimately determined that the issues raised would benefit from additional review and in that regard we are asking Johns Hopkins University to undertake an interim review and community engagement process.

This process would include the University soliciting additional input from students, faculty, staff, neighbors, and guests to their several campuses. Given the research focus of the institution, I would also expect the process to include working with relevant stakeholders to: examine the academic research; review the experiences of Johns Hopkins’ public peers in Maryland and private peers around the nation; study best practice in how such departments structure hiring, training, complaint processes and mechanisms of accountability; and lay out the characteristics that define an accountable, transparent, and best-in-class security structure for a university and its immediately surrounding community.

Should the University, as a result of its interim study, determine to introduce legislation next session relating to a campus police force, we will be glad to give it full consideration.

Sincerely,

Joseph F. Vallario, Jr.  
Chair

Cc: Dr. Paul B. Rothman, CEO, Johns Hopkins Medicine  
   Mr. Thomas Lewis, Vice President Gov and Community Affairs, Johns Hopkins University  
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