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Dear Members of the FOIA Council,

I am a Christian pastor and a resident of Williamsburg, Virginia. I am writing to express my support for HB2196 as currently drafted. Public access to police disciplinary records is critical to police accountability and building public trust. I also believe it's important to have access to records of both substantiated and unsubstantiated allegations.

As the scriptures say, "You shall know the truth, and the truth will set you free." The citizens of the Commonwealth of Virginia deserve to have access to the truth and be able to affirm the great work of our police officers, as well as hold them accountable when necessary. This bill is another important step in truly insuring that our Commonwealth is a just and equitable community for all citizens.

Please support this important, necessary, and needed reform.

Peace,
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