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LDF Provides Feedback on Baltimore Police Department's Draft Fair and Impartial Policing Policy

As part of the [consent decree](#) between the Baltimore Police Department (BPD) and the U.S. Justice Department (DOJ), the BPD must revise a number of policies, including its Fair and Impartial Policing Policy, which prohibits discriminatory policing. The NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. (LDF) sent a [letter](#) today to Kenneth Thompson, the independent monitor overseeing implementation of the consent decree, providing final feedback on the BPD's [draft policy](#).

In particular, LDF suggests the BPD amend the policy by expanding the list of state and federal laws that officers violate if they engage in discriminatory policing to include Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, particularly given the DOJ's findings that the BPD regularly used unreasonable force against persons with mental health disabilities or who were otherwise in crisis. LDF also urges the BPD to revise its definition of discriminatory policing to include discriminatory impact and additional protected classes.

Read LDF's letter [here](#).

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