

## **Media Statement, April 18, 2019**

Johns Hopkins strongly supports free expression, including protests and demonstrations, as reflected in our guidelines and statements on academic freedom and free expression. As such, we have made every effort to support the ongoing presence of protestors in Garland Hall, subject to important health and safety requirements, the student code of conduct, the Baltimore City fire code and other applicable laws. We have regularly communicated these requirements and expectations to the protestors verbally and in writing. All written communications are also posted on the Provost website.

The protest is a fluid situation, and we are continually monitoring and evaluating the ongoing event in Garland Hall and across the Homewood campus as health and safety remains the top priority in all decision-making.

Some protestors have complied with these health, safety and conduct requirements; others have not. It is not our policy to share information about disciplinary issues for individual students as they are confidential and protected by FERPA. However, we have made clear that we are documenting the violations that have occurred across campus, and those who violate the law and/or code of conduct may face further action.