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The Honorable Luke Clippinger, Chairman and Members of the House Judiciary Committee

**RE: HB 120 Public Information Act – Personnel Records – Investigations of Law Enforcement Officers (Anton’s Law)**

**POSITION: OPPOSE**

The MTA opposes HB120 because files involved discipline or investigatory files may have confidential whistleblower information and other confidential witness information that could undermine the law enforcement investigation as well as future investigations. This legislation would permit this information be made available to anyone who makes the request regardless of having any connection to the complaint. In the current world of social media, this could expose sensitive information about law enforcement officers and potentially their families to wide spread dissemination and wording taken out of context.

The Maryland Court of Appeals went to great effort to highlight the sensitive nature of these internal investigatory records and the long-established and justified precedent of shielding the specifics of such an investigation.

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