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The Honorable Luke Clippinger, Chair and Members of the Judiciary Committee

RE: HB 857 – State Government – Attorney General – Independent Investigations Division - Authority to Prosecute

POSITION: OPPOSE

The Maryland Troopers Association (MTA) has a membership strength of approximately 2,629 members of which 1,120 are active sworn Troopers involved in traffic and criminal enforcement throughout the State of Maryland.

The MTA opposes HB 857 which allows the Attorney General to prosecute certain criminal matters.

The provisions of this bill that would allow the Attorney General to have prosecutorial power would violate due process and the constitutional rights of law enforcement officers. This legislation would create serious conflicts as this is not an impartial investigation. The power to investigate independently should remain.

We request an unfavorable report of HB 857.

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