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The Honorable Delegate Luke Clippinger  
Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee  
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**House Bill 387**

Chair Clippinger, Vice Chair Moon, and members of the House Judiciary Committee:

Please accept this letter of support for House Bill 387, Evidence- Witness Credibility- Forgery Conviction. This comprehensive legislation simply codifies and clarifies pre-existing law by explicitly stating forgery; this ensures that Counsel knows the exact offenses that can be used to impeach a witness's testimony and eliminates the ambiguity of the existing law. Furthermore, this legislation ensures that the integrity of the court is not compromised by false testimony. Legally perjury is no different than forgery in the eyes of the court.

The objective of House Bill 387 is to maintain the integrity of the court's judgment by the testimony given.

For these reasons, I urge the committee to give a favorable report on House Bill 387.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'C. Bouchat'.

Delegate Christopher Eric Bouchat