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

RE: HB 585 – Public Safety – Use of Force Incident Reports

POSITION: Opposed with Amendments

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 House Bill 585 and is in agreement with the FOP on their proposed amendments. As written, this bill alters reporting requirements for an officer involved in a use of force incident in the line of duty, to include the officer's justification for the use of force.

We support the FOP's amendments for this legislation that says if justification is required for use of force, that justification must be ordered by the law enforcement agency.

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