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

RE: HB 731 Pensions and Retirement – Forfeiture of Benefits – Law Enforcement Officers

POSITION: OPPOSE

The MTA opposes HB 731 and the subjected forfeiture of retirement and pension benefits when a law enforcement officer is found guilty of, pleads guilty to, or enters a plea of nolo contendere to a felony, perjury, or misdemeanor relating to truthfulness and veracity committed while performing their duties.

The Maryland State Police, like many other agencies in this State, faces issues with recruiting well intentioned, competent officers to protect the citizens of Maryland. This legislation will further exacerbate that problem. If the State cannot ensure that law enforcement officers pension and retirement benefits are protected like every other citizen and employee in this State, then many may choose different careers.

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