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Support for House Bill 707 (Eric's ID Law)

Dear Committee Members,

I am writing on behalf of more than 20,000 active and retired Maryland police officers to urge your support of HB707, (Vehicle Laws – Licenses, Identification Cards, and Moped Operator's Permits – Notification of Nonapparent Disability) Eric's ID Law.

Eric's ID law would enable applicants for licenses, identification cards, or moped operator's permits to indicate nonapparent disabilities on those forms of identification. The inclusion of a notation indicating a developmental or intellectual disability on an identification card would be a useful tool for public safety workers to quickly identify and assist members of our communities with nonapparent disabilities.

Maryland's law enforcement officers are focused on creating positive experiences and outcomes for those we serve, and passage of HB707 will aid us in that effort. We urge a favorable report on HB707.

Fraternally,

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