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HB748: Municipalities - Enforcement Officers - Body-Worn Cameras

Judiciary Committee

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Mr. Chair, Madam Vice Chair, and members of the committee, for the record, I am Delegate Matthew Schindler, and I am here to testify in support of House Bill 748.

HB748 will enable municipalities to authorize code enforcement officers to wear body cameras if they so choose. This legislation would enhance transparency and ensure that enforcement officers and constituents are able to access a record of their encounter. In my experience on the Hagerstown city council, I witnessed many complaints or issues regarding code enforcement that could have been readily resolved if there was a digital record of the enforcement encounter. I believe this legislation will create a tool that can boost government efficiency and transparency.

Thank you for your time and I respectfully urge the committee for a **favorable report** on HB748.