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## THE MARYLAND HOUSE OF DELEGATES ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

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The Honorable Luke Clippinger  
Chair of the House Judiciary Committee  
6 Bladen Street, Room 100  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

### House Bill 669

Good afternoon, Chair Clippinger, Vice-Chair Bartlett, and the members of the House Judiciary Committee. I am Delegate Nicole Williams, and I will be testifying in favor of House Bill 669, also known as **Law Enforcement Officers - Body-Worn Cameras - Requirements**. This bill would standardize procedures for body-worn camera footage across the state of Maryland.

Police body-worn camera footage plays a vital role in police investigations. In 2022, there was an incident in Greenbelt, MD where [two police officers shot and injured a man while responding to a mental health call](#). The police body camera footage, although not publicly released, was essential to the outcome of that internal investigation which resulted in the [addition of a licensed clinician](#) to a crisis intervention team in the Greenbelt Police Department.

Furthermore, we recognize the importance of police body-worn camera footage in providing justice to communities that have been negatively impacted by police violence and excessive use of force. Since the brutal murder of George Floyd in 2020 by police officers in Minneapolis, Minnesota, several police reform initiatives have been passed in the state of Maryland. This includes the [Maryland Police Accountability Act of 2021](#) which added significant measures of police accountability, including police training programs and the development of accountability boards. This bill would serve as a continuation of those same police reform efforts and restart the policy conversation around police accountability.

Currently, there is no standard procedure regarding the collection, storage, and use of police body-worn camera footage in our state. We are doing a disservice to our community by not having a consistent practice of maintaining such crucial information. The state of Maryland must establish a standard procedure so that we can ensure the protection of citizen privacy,

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strengthen police accountability, and guarantee the integrity of using this evidence in trials and investigations.

We want to be clear that we value and appreciate the hard work that our state and local law enforcement agencies do to keep our communities safe. Nevertheless, passing this legislation can further ensure the efficiency of law enforcement duties while also protecting members of our community.

For these reasons, I urge this committee to give a favorable report on House Bill 669.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "N. Williams", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Delegate Nicole A. Williams, Esq.