

Worcester County Sheriff's Office

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I am writing to express my deep concern for House Bill 635 regarding legislative efforts to limit our law enforcement officers' scope of action on traffic stops. It is a dangerous route to limit the scope of action that our law enforcement officers can take to ensure safe streets and safe communities in Maryland. Our brave men and women should be given more assets to increase the safety in all Maryland communities. Legislators should not be limiting our men and women from protecting our communities, as well as theirs! This would make all residents of our state less safe!

Traffic stops are one of the most unpredictable and dangerous aspects of law enforcement. They often lead to the seizure of illegal firearms, narcotics, and individuals with outstanding warrants, contributing to crime reduction and enhancing community safety. Limiting law enforcement's ability to conduct traffic stops effectively may embolden criminal activity, hinder proactive policing, and make our communities more vulnerable to criminality.

Furthermore, reducing law enforcement engagement in traffic enforcement may lead to increased reckless driving, impaired driving, and other traffic-related offenses that endanger innocent motorists and pedestrians. This legislation would effectively weaken the safeguards of our Maryland communities. This type of legislation is dangerous! Legislators should be creating laws to protect residents, not endanger them!

I strongly oppose any legislation that would restrict law enforcement officers from shielding our communities from potential criminal behaviors. This legislation would make our communities more vulnerable to motor vehicle crashes and crime. I strongly oppose House Bill 635!

Sheriff Matt Crisafulli

A blue ink signature of Sheriff Matt Crisafulli is written over the text "Sheriff Matt Crisafulli". The signature is stylized and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being prominent.