

**Testimony House Bill 1415 - Position: Favorable**

**Public Safety - Law Enforcement Officers - Identification**

**Judiciary Committee**

**March 10, 2026**

Dear Honorable Delegate Bartlett, Davis and Members of the Committee,

I, Cynthia Sokolow of Howard County, MD urge you to vote **in favor of HB 1415**.

With recent attacks by plainclothes ICE agents in our country, it should be obvious that all law enforcement be identifiable, except when undercover. Activity by police without uniforms or badges causes unnecessary public anxiety and confusion.

HB 1415 requires a Maryland Police Training and Standards commission to develop a policy of worn identification when in the course of duty, I feel that HB 1415 along with HB 155, which prohibits masks, are crucial policies that need to be signed into law immediately.

Anyone in Maryland should feel secure when in the presence of law enforcement. HB 1415 will provide transparency and accountability and discourage bad actors from impersonating police officers.

**Please vote in favor of HB 1415.**

Thank you for your consideration and attention,

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