

Testimony on House Bill – Favorable

HB 1415 – Public Safety – Law Enforcement Officers - Identification

Judiciary Committee

March 6, 2026

Dear Honorable Chair Bartlett, Vice Chair Davis, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Gita Lefstein, and I am a resident of Baltimore County, Maryland. I am writing in support of HB1415, Public Safety – Law Enforcement Officers – Identification.

Law enforcement officers have a certain authority. As such, they need to be able to be held accountable. In order to be held accountable they need to be clearly identifiable, both as individuals and as to what department they belong to. No law enforcement agency which is acting responsibly has any reason to object to being identified. Likewise, no enforcement officer who is acting responsibly has any reason to object to being identified. Unfortunately, these days there are agencies and officers who are not acting responsibly and are terrorizing many Marylanders. It is necessary to hold them accountable.

For this reason, I strongly urge you to issue a favorable report on HB1415.

Thank you.