



February 9, 2026

**Bill:** Public Safety – Law Enforcement – Use of Body-Worn Cameras

**Position:** Support w/ Amendment

Dear Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the City of Gaithersburg, we respectfully express our support with amendments for HB 349 requiring the use of body-worn cameras by sworn law enforcement officers while in uniform, in public, and performing law enforcement-related duties.

The City supports the intent of this legislation and agrees that a clear, statewide mandate for body-worn camera usage promotes transparency, accountability, public trust, and officer safety. The City believes the legislation would benefit from being reconciled into a single, clear mandate to match the language proposed in Senate Bill 321.

Accordingly, we respectfully request that the Administration and the Committee recommend alignment of HB 349 with SB 321.

For these reasons, the City of Gaithersburg urges the Committee to report the bill favorably with amendments.

Sincerely,

Jud Ashman, Mayor  
City of Gaithersburg

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