

**Testimony on HB 1415 – Favorable
House Judiciary Committee
Hearing: March 10, 2026**

Dear Chair Bartlett, Delegate Moreno, and Members of the Judiciary Committee,

My name is Deborah (“Debbie”) Shulman, and I am a 31-year resident of Olney, Maryland in District 14. I am writing to express my support for HB 1415.

Clear identification by law enforcement officers helps ensure transparency and accountability while also strengthening trust between law enforcement and the communities they serve. When residents can easily identify officers, it promotes confidence that interactions are legitimate and that officers are acting in an official capacity.

For many members of our community, particularly immigrants and families who may already feel vulnerable, knowing that officers are clearly identifiable provides an important layer of reassurance and safety. Policies that support transparency help build the kind of community trust that effective public safety depends on.

Maryland can strengthen that trust by ensuring consistent identification standards. HB 1415 is a reasonable step that supports both accountability and public confidence.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the committee to give HB 1415 a favorable report.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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