



**Testimony on House Bill 1415 – Favorable  
HB1415 - Public Safety - Law Enforcement Officers - Identification  
House Judiciary Committee  
March 10, 2026**

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

Indivisible HoCoMD offers favorable testimony in support of **HB1415 - Public Safety - Law Enforcement Officers – Identification**.

Established in 2017 as part of the national Indivisible movement, Indivisible HoCoMD has more than 1,700 members focused on making our state safe, equitable, and welcoming for all residents. There are 49 Indivisible chapters in Maryland and over 2,500 nationwide.

**HB1415- Public Safety-Law-Enforcement Officers-Identification** calls for clear statewide policies requiring **all** law enforcement officers working in Maryland to wear identifying information while on the job including their last name, agency/department, and badge or other identification number. The policy will also hold officers accountable if they fail to identify themselves. This kind of transparency benefits everyone. It increases community collaboration with law enforcement, helps deescalate potential violence, and facilitates the work of legitimate policing. Federal law enforcement should not be exempt.

In Maryland and around the country ICE agents have worked under a veil of secrecy. Their faces are masked and their names and identity are concealed. Hiding identification sows fear and mistrust in the community. It allows criminals and other bad actors to impersonal ICE agents. It undermines the rule of law and terrorizes citizens and immigrants alike. No law enforcement officer, ICE agents included, should be above the law. Our communities should not live in fear.

Indivisible HoCoMD the House Judiciary Committee to issue **a favorable report** on **HB1415**.

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