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TO: Delegate J. Sandy Bartlett, Chair  
Delegate Debra Davis, Vice Chair  
Judiciary Committee Members  
FROM: Maryland Legislative Latino Caucus  
DATE: 03/10/2026  
RE: HB1415 - Public Safety - Law Enforcement Officers - Identification

### **The MLLC supports HB1415 - Public Safety - Law Enforcement Officers - Identification**

The MLLC is a bipartisan group of Senators and Delegates committed to supporting legislation that improves the lives of Latinos throughout our state. The MLLC is a crucial voice in the development of public policy that uplifts the Latino community and benefits the state of Maryland. Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to express our support of HB1415.

Across the country, unidentified law enforcement officers have wreaked havoc in predominantly immigrant and Latino neighborhoods during law enforcement operations. Communities have raised concerns surrounding law enforcement officers using excessive force and violating civilian rights during these operations<sup>1</sup>. If an officer lacks clear identification during these law enforcement operations and commits excessive force and/ or violates a civilian's civil rights, it makes it increasingly difficult for civilians to file complaints.

Unidentified law enforcement officers create serious public safety risks and erode public trust. Additionally, as operations with unidentified law enforcement officers become more common, there has been an increase of impersonators that are committing serious crimes<sup>2</sup>. This bill establishes clear identification requirements for all law enforcement personnel operating in Maryland, including local, state, and federal officers.

This legislation is intended to avoid dangerous situations and provide accountability for officers who act egregiously in the line of duty. Officers would be required to clearly and verbally identify the agency or department with which they are affiliated except when engaged in authorized undercover operations. Identification of law enforcement officers is pivotal to holding law enforcement accountable and preventing impersonators to cause further harm to Maryland communities.

For these reasons, the Maryland Legislative Latino Caucus respectfully requests a favorable report on HB1415.

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<sup>1</sup> [NPR. Immigrant whose skull was broken in 8 places during ICE arrest says beating was unprovoked. 7 Feb 2026.](#)

<sup>2</sup> [PBS News. Rise of ICE agents wearing masks creates opportunity for imposters to conduct crimes. 27 Jul. 2025.](#)