

HB 1415 Public Safety—Law Enforcement Officers—Identification

Favorable

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

My name is Loreen Heinz; I'm from District 12A and am representing myself.

I am writing in support of HB 1415 requiring law enforcement officers to wear visible identification while in the line of duty. It is the only way to ensure public trust and accountability.

Officers at all levels operating in Maryland do so to protect the people of the state. The people must know that those responding in time of need are legal officers, not imposters. The people must know that the officers will be held accountable if their actions are illegal in Maryland. If these criteria are not met, there is a breach of trust.

The way to protect the health and safety of Maryland residents is for all law enforcement officers assigned to the state to be required to wear visible identification designated by the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission. Please vote Favorable.