



# CITY TAKOMA OF PARK MARYLAND

## **Support House Bill (HB) 1415 – Public Safety – Law Enforcement Officers - Identification**

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The City of Takoma Park supports and urges favorable consideration of this bill. House Bill 1415 requires the Maryland Police Training and Standard Commission to develop a model policy that directs law enforcement officers that operate in Maryland to wear clear identification while on duty and require law enforcement agencies to create standards to establish when officers must display identification in the performance of their duties.

The City of Takoma Park already has an established policy that is consistent with the proposed law for our local police.

The City of Takoma Park is a municipality of almost 18,000 people living within 2.4 square miles in Montgomery County, along the Washington, D.C. border. We are a highly diverse community and approximately a third of our residents were born outside of the U.S. Our city has worked diligently to build trust between our local police department and our immigrant community so that residents feel comfortable reporting crime and calling on our local police for help.

In the past year, the City of Takoma Park has experienced increased federal immigration enforcement activity. Federal immigration agents are often masked, not wearing any agency insignia or [identification, and in unmarked cars](#). As a result, residents are unable to decipher between authorized federal immigration enforcement officers and a group of armed persons kidnapping community members. This lack of transparency threatens public safety and the well-being of all our residents. More importantly, it destroys residents' trust in local law enforcement.

House Bill 1415 is a key step forward to ensure consistency in law enforcement activities across all levels of government. Marylanders should be able to expect that all law enforcement officers—federal, state, and local—are clearly identifiable and accountable when performing their duties.

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