

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL – FAVORABLE

HOUSE BILL 1415 – Public Safety - Law Enforcement Officers - Identification

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

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Dear Chair Bartlett, Vice-Chair Davis, Members of the Committee,

I offer favorable testimony in support of **HB 1415 – Public Safety - Law Enforcement Officers – Identification**

Rule of law is the foundation of American government. It is essential that those enforcing the law behave in ways that support the law and don't undermine it. Without identification, law enforcement officers can easily fall into police state actions, physically bullying people and ignoring their constitutional rights.

Law enforcement works when officers act in ways that protect and serve the people. Wearing identification is a key strategy for building trust with citizens. Wearing identification ensures that officers will be held accountable should they resort to excessive force or violate a citizen's constitutional rights. Wearing and displaying identification also protects citizens from bad actors impersonating law enforcement officers.

Fundamentally, wearing identification balances the power dynamic between citizen and officer, reducing the perceived threat. This person is not a nameless thug. They are an officer of the law.

I urge the House Judiciary Committee to issue a **favorable report on House Bill 1415.**

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