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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4138

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to express my strong support for the bill relating to limitations on the actions of public employees, which requires law enforcement agencies to enact policies concerning identifying information on law enforcement uniforms.

Clear and consistent identification on law enforcement uniforms is a common-sense measure that supports transparency, accountability, and public trust. When community members can readily identify officers—through visible names, badge numbers, or other identifying information—it strengthens professionalism, helps prevent misconduct, and provides clarity during both routine and high-stress interactions.

This bill protects not only the public, but also law enforcement officers themselves. Clear identification reduces confusion, discourages impersonation, and provides a straightforward way to resolve complaints, commendations, or follow-up questions without escalating conflict. It reinforces the principle that public service is grounded in responsibility and openness.

At a time when trust between communities and law enforcement is critical, this legislation takes a meaningful step toward strengthening that relationship. Requiring agencies to establish clear policies—rather than leaving identification inconsistent or optional—creates statewide standards that benefit everyone.

I appreciate the Legislature's leadership on this issue and urge you to support and pass this bill.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Tanya Macedo