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To: The Honorable Luke Clippinger  
Chair, Judiciary Committee

From: Carrie J. Williams  
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Re: Attorney General's Support for HB 1044

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The Office of the Attorney General urges the Judiciary Committee to issue a favorable report for HB 1044.

HB 1044 requires law enforcement officers who use force in the line of duty to complete an incident report containing detailed information about the use of force. The bill also requires all law enforcement agencies to post on their public website the aggregate data regarding use of force by law enforcement officers and whether the use of force was consistent with agency policies and applicable laws.

Requiring documentation on the use of force and the public reporting of use of force data promotes transparency in law enforcement. Transparency improves accountability and builds trust in law enforcement. For these reasons, the Attorney General urges the Committee to issue a favorable report on HB 1044.

cc: Committee Members