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Hello Committee.

Pass LD1049 for the good of the public and law enforcement as well.

Duty to inform does not make Law Enforcement safer in interactions with the public while needlessly putting the public in greater danger. Police are taught that everything is a threat, and creating a situation where the public must communicate information that will immediately make police fear for their lives makes all of these interactions needlessly stressful and dangerous. 99% of Gun Owners are law abiding and often abide the law at higher rates than other demographics. Putting law abiding citizens in danger every time they interact with Law Enforcement is an unfair burden that has no advantage for the general public and erodes trust in Law Enforcement. Most interactions are in no way altered by the presence of a legally owned and carried firearm. Too often the biggest danger in these interactions is the fears of law enforcement. This fear puts marginalized groups in danger especially. The public has an inalienable right to bear arms, and that right matters little if exercising it is treated inherently as a threat.