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LDF Offers Support for Maryland House Bill to Improve Transparency Around Misconduct by Public Employees

The NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. (LDF) sent a [letter](#) today to the Maryland House of Delegates' Health and Government Operations Committee offering support for HB 413, which would amend the Maryland Public Information Act to allow public access to information relating to misconduct complaints against public employees – including police officers.

As LDF's letter notes:

“To build confidence in police, community members must be assured that misconduct complaints are thoroughly investigated, and officers are held accountable. By giving public officials the discretion to release misconduct complaint files to the public, HB 413 could lead to increased police accountability. We urge you to vote favorably for HB 413.”

Read LDF's letter [here](#).

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