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To: House Committee on Judiciary on House Subcommittee on Equitable Policing; others

Re: I OPPOSE [HB 2481] with extreme prejudice.

Police Officer safety can be greatly increased through the use of "armored vehicles" obtained from the United States Military." This does not include "tanks."

Think of the safety of Police Officers who must approach a structure (house, et cetera) or geographic position in which they are exposed to deadly weapon fire. Wouldn't you rather have them safely inside an "armored vehicle?"

What are you going to say to the relatives, if their Police Officer relative is killed due to the restrictions placed on safety equipment imposed by **[HB 2481]**?

Further, State Police and Fire Agencies can benefit from accepting surplus military aircraft (both helicopters and fixed wing) to protect Police Officer and the public's safety (rescues, et cetera) and for Wildfire suppression.

The use of "silencers" are used to shield the Police Sharpshooter's position when they are required to discharge their weapon to protect the public's safety (for example: hostage situations).

[HB 2481] unfairly links "surplus military vehicles" with "tanks, grenades and grenade launchers."

**Respectfully submitted,** /s/ David S. Wall

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