

**Maryland Lodge 30**



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Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 30 is OPPOSED to Bill No. 2-24 Consent Search of Motor Vehicle and Data Collection ("Freedom to Leave Act"). The prohibition of police officers from conducting consent searches, which are permitted per the 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment of the United States Constitution, would further limit officers from combating crime in Montgomery County. With warranted concern for the rise in gun violence and fentanyl flooding the streets, the removal of consent searches would serve to only limit the ability of all police officers to combat these issues.

FOP Lodge #30 strongly urges you to join in opposing Bill 2-24 to protect the valuable law enforcement resource of consent searches, for the safety of the citizens of Montgomery County.

*FOP Lodge #30 represents the sworn officers of the Maryland-National Capital Park Police in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties, Maryland.*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jonathan Ness'.

Jonathan Ness

President FOP Lodge #30