

MC Bill 2-24

I oppose Bill 2-24

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I am aware of and sensitive to the incidents where county residents have been exposed to unauthorized stop and search by county police, violating their sense of security and sense of well-being besides feeling threatened and abused. My heart goes out to them.

Nonetheless, I oppose Bill 2-24 because I believe the county council should be concerned with the increase in crime that effects all county residents. If we add more demands on the police that are unnecessary since there are laws in place, such as the Fourth Amendment, we will have fewer recruits and more people retiring from the police force. Then the entire county will be less safe, particularly those in marginalized communities where a police presence is most helpful.

As you are aware, crime has risen in this county and many residents are more fearful. The last thing this county needs is fewer police and an uptick in crime.