

Testimony on Senate Bill – Favorable SB 0346 - Civil Actions - Violation of Constitutional Rights (No Kings Act)

Judicial Proceedings hearing 2/10/26

Dear members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee,

My name is Carolyn Matthews, and I am a resident of Anne Arundel County, Maryland. I am writing in support of **SB 0346 - Violation of Constitutional Rights**

Thank you to the Chair and Vice-Chair for co-sponsoring this important legislation.

As we have seen over the past several months, federal agencies nationwide are using all manner of questionable (at best) actions to carry out detention, data seizures, and searches of people and property. Citizens and residents are claiming their rights during these actions to no avail. The perpetrators are under the impression that working for an agency and following its directives makes their actions permissible.

It is shameful and disheartening that a bill such as this needs to be put forth in our State government, but it is important that Maryland explicitly establishes a path to justice for the victims of those individuals who do not respect rights or laws while carrying out their duties. We need to make it clear that no one, under anyone's authority, is above the laws of our State or the Constitution of the USA.

I respectfully urge the committee to issue a **favorable report** on SB 0346

Thank you for your time and consideration.