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TO: Senator William C. Smith, Jr., Chair  
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FROM: Maryland Legislative Latino Caucus

DATE: 2/10/2026

RE: SB0346 - Civil Actions - Violation of Constitutional Rights  
(No Kings Act)

### **The MLLC supports SB0346 - Civil Actions - Violation of Constitutional Rights (No Kings Act)**

The MLLC is a bipartisan group of Senators and Delegates committed to supporting legislation that improves the lives of Latinos throughout our state. The MLLC is a crucial voice in the development of public policy that uplifts the Latino community and benefits the state of Maryland. Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to express our support of SB0346.

Over the past year, immigrant communities, particularly Latino and Hispanic communities, have been increasingly subject to constitutional violations by federal immigration officials, including unlawful searches and seizures, excessive use of force, and the constitutional guarantees of due process and equal protection from discrimination.<sup>1</sup> Specific examples of these violations by ICE agents include: the warrantless searches of the homes of individuals, representation as general police officers or probation officers, and detention of individuals without probable cause.<sup>2</sup> As of now, it is very difficult to hold these federal agents accountable for such violations as they enjoy a level of federal immunity.

The No Kings Act would establish certain civil liabilities for individuals who, under the color of law, deprive another of a right, a privilege, or an immunity secured by the U.S. Constitution. This bill would allow individuals who have their constitutional rights violated to seek monetary damages, and declaratory and injunctive relief which would order the violator to stop whatever violation they are engaging in. All in all, this comprehensive piece of legislation would allow immigrants who have been wronged by federal law enforcement to have their day in court and potentially recover damages or obtain a court order issuing the violator to stop.

For these reasons, the Maryland Legislative Latino Caucus respectfully requests a favorable report on SB0346.

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<sup>1</sup> [ICE and Border Patrol Abuses | American Civil Liberties Union](#)

<sup>2</sup> [This Deceptive ICE Tactic Violates the Fourth Amendment | American Civil Liberties Union](#)