

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 0351, Public Safety - Federal Agents - Digital Unmasking**  
**Chair J. Sandy Bartlett & Members of the House Judiciary Committee**  
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Chair Bartlett and members of the House Judiciary Committee: My name is Judy Karasik. I have lived in Silver Spring, Maryland for 25 years and previously resided in Chevy Chase from 1958 to 1971. I am among a group of neighbors who last year formed North Woodside Civil Resistance out of concern for the threat to our democracy posed by the actions of the Trump administration.

**I write in support of HB 0351, Public Safety - Federal Agents - Digital Unmasking.**

**Unlike all other American police officers, Federal immigration agents currently operate under cover of anonymity.**

**This is especially problematic as their methods often violate basic Constitutional protections including due process, freedom of assembly, freedom of speech, freedom of the press, and protection from unreasonable searches and seizures.**

In addition, **their methods are violent:** smashing windows, throwing residents on the ground, using pepper spray, attacking and beating residents even after residents -- as young as children -- have been brutally restrained.

In short, **Federal immigration agents operate as though they can violate the United States Constitution with impunity and use violence in the exercise of those violations.**

**Their anonymity makes these violations possible. The judicial system, including the Maryland Attorney General, State's Attorney, and the Maryland State Police, to hold them accountable -- as all of our public safety professionals are held accountable -- needs to know who these masked agents are.**

**HB0351, which enables and instructs the state police to gather and preserve evidence in the case of a complaint of misconduct by federal agents -- digital unmasking through collecting and preserving the data listed and referenced in the text of the bill -- will make it possible for the Maryland Attorney General, State's Attorney, and the Maryland State Police, working separately or together, to hold accountable violent, lawless, rogue Federal immigration agents.**

**The bill *does not authorize "doxing" of Federal agents.* Digital evidence gathered by the state police would only be turned over to a court authorized to hear a complaint of wrongdoing.**

**HB0351 will help to protect our communities from violations of basic rights.**

I therefore support it and thank you for your consideration.