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TO: Delegate J. Sandy Bartlett, Chair
Delegate Debra Davis, Vice Chair
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FROM: Maryland Legislative Latino Caucus
DATE: 02/18/2026
RE: HB0351 - Public Safety - Federal Agents - Digital Unmasking

The MLLC supports HB0351 - Public Safety - Federal Agents - Digital Unmasking

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 HB0351.

Federal agents, such as Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), are swarming immigrant and Latino communities and are conducting aggressive operations. During these operations, agents are not required to show personal identifiers and are consistently using tactics to obscure their faces and federal designation. When federal agents descend on a community in unidentified vehicles, while wearing masks, and use excessive force, assault a member of the community, and/or kidnap a member of the public, it is in the interest of the community to be able to identify the federal agent or agents involved in misconduct. Additionally, the lack of a clear policy that requires federal agents to identify themselves has created an environment for federal agent impersonators to conduct criminal activity¹.

All communities need an avenue to identify federal agents involved in egregious conduct. This bill authorizes the Office of the Attorney General or a State's Attorney, upon receipt of a complaint of federal misconduct, to direct the Maryland State Police to collect and preserve digital data in an effort to identify certain federal agents involved in violent or unconstitutional misconduct. Law enforcement may obtain access to digital information such as license plates, cell data, image search results, and facial recognition pursuant to court order. This bill would benefit all Marylanders, but particularly Latino and immigrant communities, who are being persecuted by federal agencies such as Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

For these reasons, the Maryland Legislative Latino Caucus respectfully requests a favorable report on HB0351.

¹ [PBS News. Rise of ICE agents wearing masks creates opportunity for imposters to conduct crimes. 27 Jul. 2025](#)