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**TESTIMONY ON HS#0001- POSITION: UNFAVORABLE**

**State Agencies - Misconduct Related to Federal Funding - Legislative Investigating Committee**

**TO:** Chair Healey, Vice Chair Holmes, Jr., and members of the Rules and Executive Nominations Committee

**FROM:** Richard Keith Kaplowitz

**My name is Richard Keith Kaplowitz. I am a resident of District 3, Frederick County. I am submitting this testimony opposing HS#0001, State Agencies - Misconduct Related to Federal Funding - Legislative Investigating Committee**

This bill is an attempt by the Republican Party of Maryland to cast aspersions on how Maryland investigations of misconduct related to federal monies are not being conducted by the Attorney General of Maryland and by federal authorities.

While there have been allegations of misconduct, every case is already being fully investigated and prosecuted.

Maryland Attorney General Anthony G. Brown, often partnering with federal authorities, prosecutes fraud, including significant COVID-19 relief, securities, and, as of late 2025, contraband schemes within state facilities. Cases often focus on financial crimes, such as fraudulent investment schemes and misuse of state-run programs, frequently targeting vulnerabilities in government systems.<sup>1</sup> The cooperation of the state is detailed at <https://oag.maryland.gov/our-office/pages/criminal-division.aspx>

This bill is unnecessary and a waste of resources as well as duplicative of existing solutions being applied to resolve the problems the bill purports to deal with. It appears to be a fishing expedition to find and exploit identified problems for political messaging purposes.

This bill attempts to create a legislative investigating committee in accordance with Title 2, Subtitle 16 of the State Government Article to investigate allegations of misconduct by State agencies related to federal funding.

The legislature does not prosecute crimes, that is not their job, nor should it be. The Attorney General does not need the legislature to advise him to what to watch for and prosecute.

**I respectfully urge this committee to return an unfavorable report on HS#0001.**

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<sup>1</sup> Google AI Search "Maryland state attorney general prosecutions for fraud of the federal government"