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DEAR SENATOR AUGUSTINE,

I am writing to express my strong support for SB0001, requiring the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission to develop a model policy prohibiting the use of a face covering in the performance of duty and requiring law enforcement agencies to adopt this policy. I am appalled at the use of face coverings by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers and find it to be both an effort to intimidate everyone around them and an effort to avoid personal accountability for their actions.

I am proud to be a Maryland resident, and I would like law enforcement operating in our state to be held to a higher standard than that presently demonstrated by our federal government.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gena C. Wade", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

GENA C. WADE

RESIDENT, ST. MARY'S COUNTY

