

Shannon Taylor
912 Kent Ave
Catonsville, Maryland 21228

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 0001, Public Safety - Law Enforcement Officers -
Prohibition on Face Coverings**

2026-01-22

TO: Chair William C. Smith, Jr. & the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee
FROM: Shannon Taylor

Members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee, my name is Shannon Taylor, and I'm a community member from Catonsville, MD. I am writing to support SB 0001, Prohibition on Face Coverings.

Allowing officers to cover their face sows fear and distrust in the community. When masked strangers come to tear you from your community, they are not held accountable due to this allowed anonymity. We all have a right to seek accountability for law enforcement that breaks laws and abuses power in our presence. Passing this bill will be a great first step in bringing back the trust, and safety to our communities in Maryland.

I urge you to support SB 0001 and help ensure that Maryland's law enforcement is being held to the highest standards of conduct.