

Testimony on Senate Bill – Favorable
SB0001 - Public Safety - Law Enforcement Officers - Prohibition on Face Coverings

Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee

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Dear Honorable Chair Smith, Vice Chair Waldstreicher, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Claire Garner and I am a resident of New Market, **Maryland**. I am writing in support of SB0001 - Public Safety - Law Enforcement Officers - Prohibition on Face Coverings

It is unbelievable to me that we, as citizens of the United States, have to ask our lawmakers to prohibit law enforcement officers to remove face coverings while patrolling our communities. This should be an assumed protection, and right of citizens, to be able to identify law enforcement AS law enforcement. Law enforcement's duty is to protect and serve, not stalk and terrify.

Thank you.

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