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Committee: Judicial Proceedings

Testimony on: SB 0001 - Public Safety - Law Enforcement Officers - Prohibition on Face Coverings

Organization: Individual

Person Submitting: Lore Lyon Rosenthal

Position: favorable

Hearing Date: Jan 22, 2026

Dear Chairman Smith and members of the committee,

I am writing in favor of SB0001- Public Safety - Law Enforcement Officers - Prohibition on Face Coverings

I find it appalling that ICE officers feel the need to cover their faces while carrying out their duties. Their identity should be fully revealed in the same manner as the person being detained. Their agency, name, and badge number should also be revealed,

They should not hide their identity, neither should they be embarrassed by what they are being asked to do. [Senator Mark Kelly has already reminded all military that it is illegal to follow a superior officer's command if it is against the law.] If what they are doing is illegal, they should stop.

This is very intimidating to be approached by a masked officer.

Legislation currently exists in CA (as of Jan 1) and NY and PA are working on similar laws

For all these reasons, I recommend a favorable report on SB0001.

Thanks,

Lore Lyon Rosenthal