

Testimony in favor of SB0001

As a proud resident of Maryland, I strongly support SB0001, Public Safety - Law Enforcement Officers - Prohibition on Face Coverings. Transparency and accountability are the foundation of trust between law enforcement and the communities they serve. When officers conceal their identities, it erodes that trust and creates fear rather than safety.

The recent behaviors of ICE have made me, my family, and my community feel less safe and more vulnerable. We deserve to know who is enforcing the law in our neighborhoods, and we deserve assurance that those entrusted with authority are acting responsibly and openly. SB0001 is a necessary step toward restoring confidence in public safety and ensuring that all officers are held accountable for their actions.

I urge the General Assembly to pass this bill and affirm Maryland's commitment to justice, transparency, and community trust.

With Faith and Hope for our Future,

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