



TESTIMONY FOR HB0351
Public Safety – Federal Agents – Digital Unmasking

Bill Sponsor: Delegate Moon

Committee: Judicial Proceedings

Organization Submitting: Maryland Legislative Coalition

Person Submitting: Aileen Alex, Cochair

Position: FAVORABLE

Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee,

I am submitting this testimony in support of **HB0351** on behalf of the Maryland Legislative Coalition. We are an association of unpaid citizen advocates—individuals and grassroots groups in every district—representing more than 30,000 Marylanders.

HB0351 creates court-supervised process for handling complaints of misconduct involving federal law-enforcement agents. When a Marylander files a complaint, the bill allows the Attorney General or a State’s Attorney to direct the Maryland State Police to collect and securely retain digital identifying information about the agent involved. That information can only be accessed with a court order, preserving both accountability and due-process protections.

Across the country, questions about digital surveillance, federal-state coordination, and transparency in law-enforcement encounters have been front-page news. With digital systems—body-worn cameras, automated tools, and online communications—our state needs a clear mechanism to preserve evidence and determine identities when concerns arise. HB0351 provides that clarity without interfering with federal authority or presuming wrongdoing.

The bill directly supports the mission of the Maryland Legislative Coalition. Our work centers on transparency, equity, and civic empowerment. HB0351 strengthens public trust by ensuring that Marylanders who report misconduct have a meaningful path forward, while also ensuring that federal agents are protected by a consistent, fair process. It is a balanced reform that reinforces democratic accountability at a moment when communities are asking for exactly that.

For these reasons, we respectfully urge a **FAVORABLE** report on HB0351.