

HB 351: Public Safety - Federal Agents - Digital Unmasking: Please advocate **TO OPPOSE** this bill.

Dear Judiciary Committee:

I am writing to respectfully **oppose HB 351**, concerning *Public Safety – Federal Agents – Digital Unmasking*.

This legislation raises serious concerns about public safety, operational security, and the proper balance between state and federal authority. Federal law enforcement officers often operate in sensitive environments involving organized crime, drug trafficking, terrorism, and violent criminal networks. Publicly disclosing identifying information—particularly in a digital format—could expose these officers and their families to harassment, retaliation, or physical danger.

In an era where personal information can be rapidly disseminated and weaponized online, **“digital unmasking” creates significant risks**. Even limited disclosures can quickly spread beyond their original intent, potentially compromising ongoing investigations or placing officers at personal risk.

Additionally, federal law enforcement operates under federal authority. State-level policies that interfere with or attempt to regulate federal operations may create constitutional and jurisdictional conflicts, **leading to costly legal disputes** and unnecessary tension between state and federal agencies.

Transparency and accountability are important principles, but they must be balanced with the safety of law enforcement personnel and the integrity of ongoing investigations. Existing oversight mechanisms already exist at the federal level to address misconduct or abuse, without broadly exposing individual officers to potential harm. **HB 351** strikes this balance.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge you to **oppose HB 351**.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration.

Respectfully,

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