

Written Testimony

Bill: **SB0001**

Position: **FAV**

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As a concerned Maryland citizen, I am in favor of SB0001 (Public Safety - Law Enforcement Officers - Prohibition on Face Coverings) and I urge your support. We have seen law enforcement, particularly ICE, abusing the use of face masks to terrorize our communities. I fully support protecting oneself and others against disease and other reasonable uses of masks, which this bill does make exception for. However, the use of masks by law enforcement solely to conceal identity is inappropriate. If they are enforcing the law in good faith, they have no reason to hide their face. If they are abusing their power, the community deserves to know who they are as they do so.

Respectfully submitted,

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