

Good Day:

I strongly support, and urge the Committee to move forward on SB001, banning the use of face coverings for law enforcement officials during their official work. In my field, the people that I serve have a codified right to know my name, title, contact info – and my supervisors. My industry also requires Grievance and Appeals protocols and processes. Many Americans have rules in place that dictate performance, measures and accountability in their workplaces and sectors.

I expect the Commission that is created by this legislation would clearly define, “limited and exceptional circumstances” otherwise masked enforcement will face the penalties outline. If a face mask is required – the Law Enforcement Officer should have their name, badge number or other identification directly, and their agency name or logo.

I want to live in a state and community where I know and trust the authorities overseeing my safety. This can only happen if the law enforcement agency’s demonstrate commitment to transparency, accountability, and public trust. This legislation will help to create healthy and participatory communities.

I strongly urge approval of SB001.

Thank you for your service to our state and consideration on this matter.

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