

Testimony on House Bill 351 - Position Favorable
Constitutional Rights - Violations and Digital Unmasking

Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee

April 2, 2026

Dear Honorable Chair Smith, Vice Chair Waldstreicher and Members of the Committee,

I, Cynthia Sokolow, of Howard County, Maryland urge you to **vote in favor of HB 351.**

This bill creates a court supervised process for handling complaints of misconduct involving federal law enforcement agents. It allows the Maryland Attorney General to have police collect and securely retain digital identifying information about the agent, but only with a court order.

Due to the increase of minimally trained and unsupervised ICE agents in our communities nationwide, it is prudent to set standards proactively in Maryland. This law will:

- * Provide transparency to the public,
- * Preserve evidence,
- * Hold law enforcement accountable,
- * Protect law enforcement agents from false accusations,
- * Strengthen public trust,
- * Will facilitate our local police in continuing with their normal law enforcement obligations
- * Will be cost saving in the future by eliminating unnecessary investigations or law suits.

Please vote YES on HB 351.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Sincerely,

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