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TESTIMONY ON SB0001 – IN SUPPORT

Public Safety – Law Enforcement – Prohibition on Face Covering

TO: Chair William C. Smith, Jr., Vice Chair Jeff Waldstreicher, and members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee

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My name is Ydelka A. Schrock. I am a resident of Harford County District 34A. I am submitting this testimony in support of SB0001, Public Safety – Law Enforcement – Prohibition on Face Covering. I am a parent, neighbor, immigrant, and Military Veteran. I believe in standing up for democracy, social, racial, and economic justice.

I was inspired to serve this country because I believed in the fundamental rights that the government was created to protect not harm its citizenry. Life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, I thought were foundational to the Identity of America and its democracy. I believed and still believe that the United States can be a place where all can thrive.

The rights that I vowed to protect are now being violated by agencies who swore to do the same. In America today, we are accosted by images of our neighbors being grabbed off the streets by masked armed men, taken to locations unknown and at times disappeared. This fearsome tactic seems more reminiscent of oppressive authoritarian regimes, than the America I love. ICE and CBP agents who wear masks and fail to identify themselves only instill fear and distrust in our communities.

Transparency and accountability are essential, and law enforcement should serve openly and honestly, not in secrecy or deception. Just as police show their faces during an arrest, ICE and CBP agents should be required to clearly identify themselves and have their faces visible when conducting their duties.

I respectfully urge this committee to return a favorable report on SB0001.