

Public Safety - Law Enforcement Officers - Prohibition on Face Coverings / SB0001

Official Testimony

Position: **FAVORABLE**

To the **Judicial Proceedings Committee**,

My name is **Heather Thomas**, and I'm a **Rosedale** resident and a member of District **6**. I support **SB0001, Public Safety - Law Enforcement Officers - Prohibition on Face Coverings**.

This bill will increase public safety and trust by preventing law officers from acting anonymously. There's no reason why law enforcement officers that are appropriately upholding the law should be masked. It will also prevent anyone attempting to impersonate ICE from being able to do so anonymously.

I believe that passing of this bill is essential because there have been numerous news stories showing how violent ICE agents often are, and their frequent violations of our laws and constitutional rights. Without anonymity there can be greater transparency and accountability.

Masked agents also add to the sense of fear currently present in our communities, especially for immigrants and people of color.

I respectfully urge this committee to issue a favorable report on **SB0001, Public Safety - Law Enforcement Officers - Prohibition on Face Coverings**.

Sincerely,

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