

Testimony on Senate Bill – Favorable

SB 1 – Public Safety - Law Enforcement Officers - Prohibition on Face Coverings

Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee

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Dear Honorable Chair Augustine, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Chauna Brocht, and I am a resident of Baltimore City. I am writing in support of **Public Safety - Law Enforcement Officers - Prohibition on Face Coverings**.

I support **SB 1** because allowing law enforcement to cover their faces is an impediment to accountability and creates fear of law enforcement. When people fear contact with law enforcement, they are less likely to report crimes, seek help, or cooperate as witnesses—even when they are victims.

Allowing law enforcement to cover their faces makes it easier for them to engage in racial profiling, discrimination, and wrongful detention. This impacts both immigrants and U.S. Citizens.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the committee to issue a **favorable report** on **SB 1**.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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