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To judicial proceedings committee chair William C. Smith, Jr., vice chair Jeffrey D. Waldstreicher, and committee members Nick Charles, William G. Folden, Shaneka T. Henson, Mary-Dulany James, Sara N. Love, Michael W. McKay, C. Anthony Muse, Charles E. Sydnor III, and Christopher R. West-

I'm writing to support bill HB351: Constitutional Rights - Violations and Digital Unmasking - Judicial Proceedings Committee to pursue justice and accountability for seemingly lawless federal officers.

This bill would require Maryland to actually investigate and identify "judicial officers" -- defined to include all law enforcement and agents of courts, including ICE -- who violate civilians' constitutional rights, so that they can pursue justice against their abusers. In short, this bill would greatly increase the opportunity for people harmed by ICE and other federal law enforcement, who so rarely face consequences for their belligerence, to take action against their abusers.

I urge you to vote in favor of this bill to take steps collectively towards holding federal agents accountable for their abuse of power and violations of American's constitutional rights.