

Testimony on Senate Bill – Favorable
SB 001 – Public Safety – Immigration Enforcement Agreements – Prohibition
Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee
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Dear Honorable Chair Smith, Vice Chair Waldstreicher, and Members of the Committee,

My name is **Nevan McMillian**, and I am a **resident of Windsor Mill Baltimore County, Maryland** and I am also a student at the University of Maryland College Park. I am writing in support of **SB 001 – Public Safety – Law Enforcement Officers – Prohibition on Face Coverings**.

I support **SB 001** because face coverings with police officers leads to a lack of accountability, failure for an ease of identification of law enforcement, leads law enforcement to appear intimidating, and otherwise reduces the efficacy of law enforcement.

My favorability of SB 001 is large part due to ICE's continuous use of face coverings when undergoing their duties. The combination of face coverings, lack of law enforcement identification, the use of unmarked vehicles, and the lack of uniforms leads to a total lack of accountability from ICE officers when they overuse force. If a victim cannot ID an offending officer it will be impossible to seek accountability through legal systems.

Furthermore, face coverings for any law enforcement is unprofessional and if combined without uniforms or marked vehicles it will make it harder for citizens to identify whether or not they are speaking or encountering law enforcement. This induces fear in the population that could lead to more incidents between law enforcement and civilians that could end in lethal results.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the committee to issue a **favorable report** on **SB 001**.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

I urge Judicial Proceedings to issue a favorable report.

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