

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

**Official Testimony**

**Position: FAVORABLE**

**To the Judicial Proceedings Committee,**

**My name is Laura Roth, and I'm a Baltimore City resident and a member of District 41. I support SB0001, Public Safety - Law Enforcement Officers - Prohibition on Face Coverings.**

**This bill will help protect the civil rights of residents within the State of Maryland by increasing transparency and accountability of all law enforcement operating within the state, including federal agents.**

**I believe that passing of this bill is essential because currently federal agents are repeatedly operating in ways that violate the civil rights of residents. I strongly feel that the obscuring of their identification causes agents to act in a manner that assumes they will have no accountability. Additionally, the face obscuring increases fear in the population and reduces community confidence that agents are who they purport to be.**

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

**Sincerely,**

**Laura Roth**

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