

Testimony on Senate Bill – Favorable

SB0001 - Public Safety - Law Enforcement Officers - Prohibition on Face Coverings
Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee

January 22, 2026

Dear Honorable Chair Smith, Vice Chair Waldstreicher, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Jeremy Mohler. I am a homeowner and business owner in Baltimore City. I am writing to support SB 0245, Immigration Enforcement Agreements - Prohibition. I am a licensed mental health counselor with over five years of experience working in community-based settings and as a psychotherapist in private practice. My professional expertise includes depression, anxiety, trauma—including vicarious trauma—and community-level trauma.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) is an unaccountable public agency that is terrorizing undocumented people, many of whom deserve legal status but have lost it due to bureaucratic dysfunction. Every resident of our country, and our state, deserves the same rights as those of us who are citizens.

Please let Maryland be a safer place for all of us than elsewhere in our country. Prohibiting our police from enacting and supporting ICE's racist goals is one small step towards ensuring the people wearing those badges are discharging their duties faithfully. I urge you to support SB 0245 and help ensure that Maryland's law enforcement is being held to the highest standards of conduct and are focused on their duties.

Respectfully,
Jeremy Mohler LCPC