

Testimony on House Bill 155 – Favorable
HB 0155 – Public Safety - Law Enforcement Officers - Prohibition on Face Coverings

House Judiciary Committee

February 20, 2026

Dear Honorable Chair Bartlett, Vice Chair Davis, and Members of the Committee,

I offer favorable testimony in support of HB 0155 – Prohibition on Face Coverings for Law Enforcement.

My name is Karen Christof and I am writing in support of HB0155 - Public Safety - Law Enforcement Officers - Prohibition on Face Coverings

Public safety demands that CE & CBP be clearly identified. How else should someone know if the person who is approaching them is truly a law enforcement officer and not someone impersonating an ICE officer intending to rob or attack them. We've always been told to drive to a safe spot before stopping if you are being pulled over by a police car with lights. How is this any different? The person has a right to be certain that the person stopping them on the street, in their homes, on the road is a legitimate officer of the law. Wearing masks protects the ICE officer but their job is to protect the innocent and arrest the criminals. That is not what masked men are doing.

Without visible identification and uniform standards, fear and public distrust in law enforcement increases. That makes our communities less safe. Armed and poorly trained individuals should not be permitted to hide behind masks to intimidate & frighten our friends, families, neighbors and community businesses.

I ask that you vote in favor of HB0155 - Public Safety - Law Enforcement Officers - Prohibition on Face Coverings for transparency and safety.

Thank you for your consideration.