

Testimony in Support of HB 1036
Office of the Attorney General - Independent Investigations Division - Federal Law
Enforcement or Immigration Enforcement
Judiciary Committee
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Dear Honorable Chair Bartlett, Vice Chair Davis and Members of the Committee,

My name is Anna Britton and I am a resident of Severna Park, Maryland. I am writing in support of HB 1036, which would require the Independent Investigations Division of the Office of the Attorney General to investigate any death or serious injury resulting from an interaction with federal law enforcement or immigration enforcement and prosecution of the officer, if indicated.

HB 1036 would create a path to accountability for law enforcement misconduct. We have all seen, or are painfully aware, of the videos of ICE and Border Patrol agents killing Renee Good and Alex Pretti in Minnesota. We also know that ICE agents shot Tiago Alexandre Sousa-Martins in Glen Burnie on Christmas Eve of last year. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) lied about the Glen Burnie shooting, and changed their story only after Anne Arundel County police publicly contradicted their statements.¹ DHS has also refused to cooperate with state investigations into the Minneapolis shootings and the FBI only opened a civil rights probe into the shooting of Pretti after immense public pressure. Accountability will clearly not come swiftly or easily, so we must use every tool at our disposal to increase the chances for accountability in the future.

The ranks of ICE agents will continue to grow as the massive infusion of cash from the One Big Beautiful Bill Act has put \$85 billion at the agency's disposal.² The incidents of violence by these agents are likely not only to continue, but to increase in frequency due to both a lack of accountability for recent incidents of violence and the rapid and chaotic surge of hiring for the agency.³ With the federal government unwilling to adequately protect its citizens, the state must

¹<https://www.aacounty.org/police-department/about-us/news/anne-arundel-county-police-department-clarification-december-24>

² https://www.usaspending.gov/federal_account/070-0540

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<https://www.reuters.com/world/ice-struggles-vet-recruits-amid-us-immigration-enforcement-push-internal-email-2026-02-26/>

step in to do everything it can to promote safety and security for Marylanders. **I urge a favorable report on HB 1036.**

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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