



**Testimony on HB332: Civil Actions - Violation of Constitutional Rights (No Kings Act)
Favorable Report
February 18, 2026**

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

Indivisible HoCoMD offers favorable testimony in support of HB332: Civil Actions-Violation of Constitutional Rights (No Kings Act).

Established in 2017 as part of the national Indivisible movement, Indivisible HoCoMD has more than 1,700 members focused on making our state safe, equitable, and welcoming for all residents. There are 49 Indivisible chapters in Maryland and over 2,500 nationwide.

We each have the power to sue local and state officials if they violate our civil rights under the U.S. Constitution. There is no equivalent private right of action for holding federal officials accountable when they violate the Constitution.

HB332, the Maryland No Kings Act is designed to fix this glaring problem and allow residents of Maryland to sue an individual acting under the color of law who deprives such residents of their constitutional rights.

The need for this legislation has never been greater. There have been repeated examples of the Department of Homeland Security violating the law, for example, detaining and deporting Kilmar Abrego Garcia despite court orders to free him, and even after a government lawyer admitted that the arrest was a mistake. ICE and Customs and Border Protection agents have been filmed violating peoples' due process, invading homes, smashing car windows, and arresting people—all without warrants—and frequently with unnecessary violence. They have assaulted nonviolent witnesses practicing their first amendment rights.

No one, including ICE agents, should be above the law. Every law enforcement officer should be held accountable for his actions.

Indivisible Howard County urges the Judiciary to issue **a favorable report** on **HB332**.

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