

TESTIMONY FOR SB0346

Civil Actions - Violation of Constitutional Rights (No Kings Act)

Committee: Judiciary

Person Submitting: Cathy Stogel

Position: FAVORABLE

As a resident of Ellicott City (Howard County) I am submitting this testimony in favor of SB 0346. I am also a member of Howard County Indivisible.

We need this bill because Federal agents are illegally entering homes without warrants; dragging people out of cars, schools, churches and other places with no cause; harming peaceful protesters; and arresting people for free speech. We need to protect the people of Maryland!

This bill, if enacted, would will allow Maryland residents the ability to fight back when their civil rights have been violated by Federal agents by bringing appropriate action against any them. This would include –

- Retaliating against a person for their protected speech; interfering with the free exercise of religion; or using excessive force to break up a peaceful protest.
- Conducting an unlawful search of a person's home or an unreasonable seizure at a checkpoint without a warrant or probable cause; or using excessive force during an arrest.
- Unlawfully targeting individuals for enforcement actions or tax audits on the basis of their race, national origin, or political ideology.

We strongly support this bill and recommend a **FAVORABLE** report in committee.

Thank you for your consideration,

Cathy Stogel

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