

House Bill 155
Judiciary Committee
Favorable Report

Honorable Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Judiciary Committee;

We, the Steering Committee of the neighborhood group One Pasadena: Building a Safe and Inclusive Community, urge you to give House Bill 155 a favorable report.

Without the ability to identify law enforcement officers, people cannot exercise their Constitutional rights. People who wear face coverings to hide their identities can claim that they're law enforcement, even when they're not. We need to be able to depend on law enforcement to not hide their identities. Without a way to verify who they are, we are left helpless. If we resist, as many of us would against an unknown assailant, we could be found guilty of a number of crimes against law enforcement. If we don't resist, we could find ourselves abducted, raped, and even killed. If we make it to court, we wouldn't be able to identify any individual who has harmed us. We also couldn't argue that they have demonstrated a trend of unlawful discrimination in their actions.

For these, and many other reasons, we hope that you will give House Bill 155 a favorable report. Thank you.

Sincerely,
The One Pasadena Steering Committee
Pasadena, MD