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**TESTIMONY ON HB332 - POSITION: FAVORABLE**  
**Civil Actions - Violation of Constitutional Rights (No Kings Act)**

**TO:** Chair Bartlett, Vice Chair Davis, and members of the House Judiciary Committee

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**My name is Jerry Kickenson. I am a resident of District 18 and I am submitting this testimony in support of HB332, Civil Actions - Violation of Constitutional Rights (No Kings Act).**

I am a proud American and resident of Maryland for over 30 years. I respect law enforcement that keeps all of us safe.

Unfortunately, federal law enforcement in our state, specifically civil immigration enforcement, is not keeping us safe. On the contrary, I've witnessed federal agents violently, and unnecessarily, dragging Maryland residents out of their cars and slamming them to the ground. In places like Chicago and Minneapolis, I see evidence of the same, and far worse, behavior. If the rule of law is to mean anything, it must apply to us all, including federal "law enforcement" agents. If all our constitutional rights are to mean anything, they must be respected by all law enforcement, including federal.

HB332 will provide an avenue for some level of accountability for abuses, and hopefully a deterrent to prevent abuses, by federal agents operating in our state. Given the clear hesitation, if not outright refusal, of the federal Departments of Homeland Security and Justice to hold accountable, or even investigate, abuses by federal agents, the General Assembly must do what it can to protect Maryland residents.

**I respectfully urge this committee to return a favorable report on HB332.**