

**Testimony Supporting SB0346
Civil Actions - Violation of Constitutional Rights (No Kings Act)**

FAVORABLE

March 30, 2026

The Honorable Chair, Delegate J. Sandy Bartlett, Vice Chair Delegate Debra Davis, and esteemed members of the House Judiciary Committee:

I am writing to ask you to vote in support of Senate Bill 346. This bill would protect Maryland residents by enabling them to file a civil suit against federal agents when their U.S. Constitutional rights are violated. Other states have introduced and adopted this type of legislation, and Maryland should do the same to safeguard its residents against abuses of power.

In the current environment in which federal agents are taking actions in violation of people's civil rights, our state needs to take action to hold them accountable when violations occur. When any official violates a person's Constitutional rights, that person needs to have a remedy under law, regardless of whether the officer committing the harm is a state or local official. This bill helps improve upon the current state law on this issue.

Because this bill would help preserve the Constitutional rights of Maryland residents, I urge a favorable report on SB0346.

Respectfully Submitted,

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