

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL – FAVORABLE

HOUSE BILL 155 – Public Safety - Law Enforcement Officers - Prohibition on Face Coverings

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

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Dear Chair Bartlett, Vice-Chair Davis, Members of the Committee,

I offer favorable testimony in support of HB 155 – Public Safety - Law Enforcement Officers - Prohibition on Face Coverings

I am sad and angry that such legislation is needed. The United States is not a police state. Even the Gestapo and SS in Nazi Germany showed their faces. Clearly, that ICE masks its officers reinforces the shame of the tactics they are using. What cowards they are, unwilling to stand up for what they are doing and take the consequences.

All law enforcement officers at the local and state level are mask-free and even wear name tags. ICE, if you want to truly call your employees law enforcement officers and not the thugs that they are, take the masks off.

I urge the House Judiciary Committee to issue a **favorable report on House Bill 155.**

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