

HB 1036: Office of the Attorney General - Independent Investigations Division - Federal Law Enforcement or Immigration Enforcement: Please vote to **OPPOSE** this bill.

Dear Judiciary Committee:

I am writing to strongly urge you to **OPPOSE HB 1036**.

While accountability for deaths involving law enforcement is critically important, **extending the IID's mandatory investigative authority and reporting obligations to incidents involving federal officers is an inappropriate and overreaching state intrusion into federal jurisdiction.** Federal law enforcement and immigration enforcement personnel operate under federal authority, federal statutes, and federal oversight mechanisms—including the Department of Justice Office of Inspector General, the FBI Inspection Division, the Office of Professional Responsibility, and federal civil rights investigations. **Requiring Maryland's state-level IID to investigate these incidents creates duplicative processes, delays justice, and could lead to inconsistent findings or legal challenges.**

Mandating state reports to the Governor and General Assembly on federal incidents further politicizes what should remain a federal matter. Requiring the Attorney General to prosecute certain federal-related cases **also exceeds the proper scope of state authority.**

Public safety and justice are best served when state and federal agencies respect their respective lanes of authority. It is inappropriate and beyond Maryland's authority to impose its investigative and prosecutorial processes on federal officers acting in their official capacity.

I respectfully ask you to **vote against HB 1036**.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration of my concerns regarding this important public safety and scope of jurisdiction and authority issue.

Sincerely,

Trudy Tibbals