

Testimony on Senate Bill – Favorable

SB 0001 – Public Safety– Law Enforcement Officers – Prohibition on Face Coverings

Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee

March 31, 2026

Dear Honorable Chair Smith, Vice Chair Waldstreicher, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Betsy Krieger and I am a resident of Baltimore City and the President of Be the Change, a social justice organization. I am writing in support of SB0001– Public Safety – Law Enforcement Officers – Prohibition on Face Coverings

Face coverings make anyone who wears them and has a weapon feel invincible and that there will be no repercussions for any action they take, no matter how brutal, because they are anonymous. We fully understand the dangers to our residents when they are approached by a masked man with a gun. Is this person a legitimate law officer or a kidnapper? Our police must have identification, why should ICE agents follow different rules? If law enforcement agents are doing a legitimate job, they must be able to be identified.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the committee to issue a **favorable report** on **SB 0001**.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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