

Testimony on House Bill – Favorable

HB 0155 – Public Safety – Law Enforcement Officers – Prohibition on Face Coverings

Judiciary Committee

February 20, 2026

Dear Honorable Chair Bartlett, Vice Chair Davis, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Gita Lefstein, and I am a resident of Baltimore County, Maryland. I am writing in support of HB0155, Public Safety – Law Enforcement Officers – Prohibition on Face Coverings.

When law enforcement officers are doing their job properly - respecting people's rights, treating people humanely, and following the law - they do not need to hide their identities. It is only when law enforcement officers are not following the law and not respecting people's rights that they feel the need to hide who they are. We should not be aiding law enforcement officers who are terrorizing people.

I respectfully urge you to issue a favorable report on HB0155.

Thank you.