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TESTIMONY ON HB#1036 - POSITION: FAVORABLE
Office of the Attorney General - Independent Investigations Division - Federal Law Enforcement or Immigration Enforcement

TO: Chair Bartlett, Vice Chair Davis, and members of the Judiciary Committee
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My name is Richard Kaplowitz. I am a resident of District 3, Frederick County. I am submitting this testimony in support of HB#1036, **Office of the Attorney General - Independent Investigations Division - Federal Law Enforcement or Immigration Enforcement**

This bill is a reaction to what has been happening with ICE's conduct. As reported by PBS: *Minnesota officials say they can't access evidence after fatal ICE shooting and FBI won't work jointly on investigation*¹

Minnesota's investigations agency said Thursday that the U.S. attorney's office has prevented it from taking part in the investigation into an Immigration and Customs Enforcement officer's fatal shooting of Minneapolis woman Renee Good, a 37-year-old mother of three.

[**WATCH: Walz says Minnesota must play a role in investigation into ICE's killing of Renee Good**](#)

"The investigation would now be led solely by the FBI, and the BCA would no longer have access to the case materials, scene evidence or investigative interviews

Maryland must prevent this miscarriage of justice from ever happening in Maryland.

This bill does this by requiring the Independent Investigations Division of the Office of the Attorney General to investigate the death of a person that occurs in connection with an interaction with federal law enforcement or federal immigration enforcement; requiring the Division to submit a certain report to the Governor and the General Assembly after conducting the investigation; and requiring the Attorney General to prosecute a certain case under certain circumstances.

DOJ, DHS and ICE are no longer upholding the rule of law, Maryland must undertake making the rule of law an object of respect and a guide for action in our state.

I respectfully urge this committee to return a favorable report on HB1036.

¹ <https://www.pbs.org/newshour/nation/minnesota-officials-say-they-cant-access-evidence-after-fatal-ice-shooting-and-fbi-wont-work-jointly-on-investigation#:~:text=Minnesota's%20investigations%20agency%20said%20Thursday,year%2Dold%20mother%20of%20three.&text=%22The%20investigation%20would%20now%20be,any%20jurisdiction%20in%20this%20investigation.%22>