

Testimony on SB346 - Favorable (not weighing in on amendments)
Civil Actions - Violation of Constitutional Rights (No Kings Act)
House Judiciary Committee

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

I am writing a **favorable** testimony in support of SB346, No Kings Act, without weighing in on amendments. This bill fills a major gap for people who've had their constitutional rights violated. I myself have been yelled at and threatened while exercising basic rights that in previous years have been no problem. But other people have been killed, or separated from their families, or hurt seriously in any number of ways.

This bill would also give hope to people suffering--give some legal recourse, some real acknowledgement that their constitutional rights simply cannot be violated without recourse and potentially restitution.

I am also excited about some slivers of deterrent--that at least some of the people acting with such impunity, doing horrible things, will think twice and maybe not.

For these and many other reasons, I respectfully urge the committee to issue a **favorable report** on SB346.

Thank you for your time and consideration.