

**Testimony Supporting SB0346
Civil Actions - Violation of Constitutional Rights (No Kings Act)**

FAVORABLE

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The Honorable Chair and members of the committee:

I am writing to ask you to vote in support of Senate Bill 346. In other states we have seen federal agents violate people's Constitutional rights. If that were to happen to Maryland residents, we should be able to file a civil suit against them. Protect Marylanders against abuses of power and follow the lead of other states that have introduced and adopted this type of legislation.

In the current environment in which federal agents are taking actions in violation of people's civil rights, our state needs to take action to hold them accountable when violations occur. When any official violates a person's Constitutional rights, that person needs to have a remedy under law, regardless of whether the officer committing the harm is a state or local official. This bill helps improve upon the current state law on this issue.

Because this bill would help preserve the Constitutional rights of Maryland residents, I urge a favorable report on SB0346.

Respectfully Submitted,

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