

**Testimony on House Bill – Favorable**

**HB155 - Public Safety - Law Enforcement Officers - Prohibition on Face Coverings**

**House Judiciary Committee**

**February 24, 2026**

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

**My name is Angeline Fragale, and I am writing in support of SB0001 - Public Safety - Law Enforcement Officers - Prohibition on Face Coverings.**

**I served in the U.S. Army for five years, as a SIGINT analyst. I have a clear understanding of the difference between local law enforcement operations and military actions.**

**There is absolutely no reason for ICE agents to cover their faces while on duty. They have weapons. They have a mandate from their agency to round up immigrants and place them in detention. The idea that they would need to hide their identities from immigrants or members of the general public is ridiculous. They have been given a nearly unlimited amount of power.**

**They are not under threat. They are the threat.**

**Our Founding Fathers, who knew that unlimited power is deeply dangerous, would be appalled at the sight of masked individuals mindlessly swaggering into communities, harassing citizens and non-citizens alike, all with the idea that they'll never be held to account. I don't care what their citizenship status is, they are people. Human beings, no matter their status, deserve respect. Allowing federal agents to wear masks while they harass people is inhumane and morally repugnant.**

**It is vitally important for public safety that ICE officers can be identified. Without visible identification and uniform standards, fear and public distrust in law enforcement increases. Furthermore, community members are more likely to intervene if they watch someone being attacked or kidnapped by a masked, unmarked group. There's no way to know if someone is an ICE officer or if they are impersonating an ICE officer.**

**ICE isn't made safer by wearing masks. They are creating less safe conditions because the public can't tell the difference between federal law enforcement and any other criminal who might don a mask.**

**Anonymity is the refuge of those who would do harm without consequences, and no agent of the federal government should be shielded from the consequences of their own actions.**

**When you are confident that your actions are not harmful and your behavior towards fellow human beings is not deplorable, you know that there is no reason to hide behind a mask.**

**Our local law enforcement officers are easily identifiable. We should not be allowing armed individuals with masks to intimidate and frighten communities with impunity.**

**I urge you to vote in favor of HB155 - Public Safety - Law Enforcement Officers - Prohibition on Face Coverings for transparency and safety.**

**Thank you for your time and consideration.**

**Sincerely,**

**Angeline Fragale**

**US Army**

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**Brave Rifles!**

