

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 1415, Public Safety - Law Enforcement Officers - Identification
Chair J. Sandy Bartlett & Members of the House Judiciary Committee
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My name is Judy Karasik; I live at 2016 Luzerne Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910. I am a registered voter and American citizen. **I write to express my strong support for HB1415, Public Safety - Law Enforcement Officers - Identification.**

I have lived in Silver Spring since 2001 and resided in Chevy Chase from 1958 to 1971. **In all my years in Maryland, I have never seen anonymous masked police. Until now.**

ICE enforcers both here and elsewhere deliver terror: in violence, in random abductions driven by racial profiling, in lawlessness -- all reinforced by anonymity: masks, no clear identification. **HB1415, along with HB0155, works to reduce these lawless shock tactics.**

ICE act as secret police: groups of armed and masked anonymous strongmen who grab, cuff, question, assault, and whisk residents off the pavement, out of their vehicles and their homes -- taking them to unidentified holding tanks and detention centers. **These masked bullies, when asked, do not identify themselves by name, number, and agency. HB01415 ends that.**

HB01415 requires them to display the prominent, legible identification that residents see on every other police officer:

Name and Number: Keeping now-anonymous ICE officers accountable for their actions. Letting residents know that they are legitimate -- and not people impersonating police officers.

Agency: Letting residents know under what authority they operate, whose rules they follow.

ICE does not operate above our state and local police and merits no special exemption to identification requirements. They should be governed by the same laws.

By requiring identification and no masks, HBs 1415 and 0155 say:

- **NO to the secret police.**
- **NO to putting ICE above other law enforcement professionals.**
- **NO to creating fear and intimidation.**
- **NO to blocking accountability.**

HB1415, along with HB0155, is a step in the right direction. Thank you for your consideration.

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