

**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. I have watched on the news, and read in the newspapers about how federal agents are violating people's Constitutional rights, in particular the 1st and 4th Amendments of the Constitution. If that were to happen to Maryland residents, we should be able to file a civil suit against them. You have the power to protect Marylanders against abuses of power. Other states have already introduced and adopted this type of legislation. So should we.

Maryland needs to take action against those federal agents who flagrantly violate people's civil rights, and hold them accountable when those violations occur. When any official violates a person's Constitutional rights, we need to have an avenue to seek justice. 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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