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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL HB0332:

TO: Honorable Delegate Bartlett and Vice Chair, Davis and members of the Judiciary Committee

FROM: Dr. Anna Rubin

DATE: Tuesday, February 10, 2026

My name is Anna Rubin. I am a resident of District 13. I am submitting this testimony in support of HB0332. I am writing as an artist, a retired educator, and someone involved in a number of Jewish and civic organizations. I am chair of the Columbia Jewish Congregation Social Justice Committee.

The Torah commands us to pursue justice, and our sages instruct us that the methods we use to do so must be just themselves. Like so many others I have watched videos of federal officers violating the constitutional rights of citizens in Maryland and other states. In the absence of federal protections. As citizens we need access to courts that state governments can provide to protect our constitutional rights.

A few reasons you should pass this statewide bill:

This bill expands Legal Recourse: It defines "law" broadly to include the U.S. Constitution, the Maryland Declaration of Rights, and the Maryland Constitution and thus would include protection against unlawful violations by federal officials. I understand both California and New York are seeking to pass versions of this bill.

This bill would deter violations by providing remedies.

This bill authorizes reasonable attorney's fees and expert witness fees, thus removing some financial barriers.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the committee to issue a **favorable report** on HB 332.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

