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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

House Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

HB4138

To the House Committee on Judiciary,

I am writing in support of HB 4138 proposed to ensure that all agents of law enforcement, state and federal, are required to present identifying information and conduct their official business without the use of face masks or coverings. We have a long history of masked agents terrorizing and targeting groups of people in this country and in none of those cases were those actions ethical, moral, or something we look back on proudly as a country. Additionally, in almost every other case, employees and representatives of the state and government are required to be known, listed, and identifiable. They are held to a higher standard of transparency and ethical behavior while acting as a government official. There is no reason that this should not also be the case for our police and federal immigration officers.

Allowing the precedent to be established, unchallenged, that masked and unidentified agents of the state may exert their power and will over the residents and citizens of any community is dangerous and puts the public at risk, both now and in the future. I appreciate your time and consideration of this matter and I encourage you to vote in the interest of the safety and integrity of our communities and of our state officials.

Thank you.