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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, which would require law enforcement agencies to be identifiable when conducting official business. We have a long history of masked agents terrorizing and targeting groups of people in this country and in none of those cases have our actions been judged to be ethical or moral, and in none of those cases do we look back on our actions with pride. Additionally, in almost every other case, our law enforcement officials are required to identify themselves and to be identifiable when conducting state or federal business. Nearly every other employee of the government is held to a higher standard of transparency and ethical behavior, required to state who they are and in what capacity they are operating when conducting state business and there is no reason for their to be a different set of expectations for the work of immigration officers. Allowing the precedent to be established, unchallenged, that masked and unidentified agents of the state are allowed to exert their power and will over the residents and citizens of our communities is dangerous and puts the public at risk, both now and in the future. Thank you for your time and consideration of this bill. I encourage you to vote in the interests of the safety and integrity of our communities and our law enforcement.