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HB4138

Requiring federal agents (and all law enforcement, for that matter) to be unmasked and identifiable promotes accountability and transparency and helps to build trust within communities. It also reduces the risk of impersonation and confusion during law enforcement actions, which enhances public safety for citizens as well as law enforcement personnel. Like other law enforcement agencies, ICE agents should be required to identify themselves and wear obvious identification while doing their jobs.

As a woman, I can understand the horrible stress of being forced into an unmarked car with a masked person who tells you they are an ICE agent, but refuses to show identification. It is every woman's nightmare and one I'd obviously fight against and then pay the consequences with the current regime.

While the reality of local LEOs actually holding ICE and other DHS agents accountable is not actually realistic, it is at least a symbolic gesture on the part of our State legislature on behalf of its citizens.

I urge you to vote yes on HB 4138.