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Constitutional rights are not just words on paper. They are promises made to every person in this country—promises of safety, dignity, and protection from abuse of power. But a right that cannot be enforced is not truly a right at all.

For too long, working families have experienced violations of their Fourth Amendment protections with little to no accountability. When someone's home is entered unlawfully, when privacy is invaded, or when power is misused, the harm is not abstract. It is personal. It creates fear, mistrust, and lasting trauma. Yet too often, those responsible face no real consequences, leaving families feeling powerless and unheard.

This new law matters because it changes that reality. It makes clear that constitutional rights are not optional and that violating them has real consequences. By holding individuals personally responsible for infringing on someone's right to privacy and security in their home, this law restores balance between authority and accountability.

Accountability is not anti-law enforcement or anti-government—it is pro-justice. It strengthens trust in institutions by ensuring that power is exercised responsibly and ethically. When people know their rights will be respected and defended, communities become safer, stronger, and more united.

This law sends a message that no one is above the Constitution and that every person's home, privacy, and dignity deserve protection. That is why this matters—not just legally, but morally and humanly.