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Please pass this, or any legislation that requires all law enforcement (local, state, fed) to not hide their faces during operations, and clearly identify themselves with uniforms and to show official badges with badge number upon request.

Failure by law enforcement to adhere to these standards puts both themselves, and the community at serious risk.

Consider the warning issued by the FBI in 2025. They advised US citizens that they had charged men with kidnapping and assault who had been impersonating federal immigration enforcement. They cautioned citizens to not assume an individual was law enforcement until the person identified themselves with an official bage.

This becomes a massive conflict, when an agent insists they are law enforcement, but another agency has (rightly) advised citizens to not assume a person is law enforcement without verifying their badge. Add aggressive orders and weapons to the mix, and you can easily see how dangerous this situation becomes.

The thing is, this danger is entirely needless. If all agents clearly identify themselves there would be no confusion for citizens regarding whether they should comply with orders, or fight to defend their safety and life.

If you care about the communities YOU SERVE, then pass the legislation. If you do not, then understand voters will choose someone willing protect the interests of the community at the next election.