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On Behalf Of:

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Senate Committee On Judiciary

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SJR203

Dear Chair and Committee Members,

I support SJR203 as a proposal to amend Art. 1 of the state constitution to prohibit "secret police". The people deserve a transparent and accountable enforcement agency.

Some may say that the Federal agents of ICE and CBP need to hide their identity because they will be harmed, but it is typically residents in Democratic states, especially people of color who are being harmed. The masked, unidentified men could be agents or criminals trying to act as agents.

The law requires Federal agents to show judicial warrants to enter a home. Federal agents are entering homes illegally, grabbing people on the streets, out of cars, and ramming cars to take people whether they are citizens, or have a legal right to reside or work in the U.S. The majority of those in detention have no criminal record.

Additionally, they are being denied their right to due process. The quotas and illegal actions put everyone in danger. It destroys trust and families.

Additionally, Some believe that protestors are "masked antifa" and that it gives Federal agents an excuse to be masked. Peacefully protesting is a constitutional right. If a protestor or demonstrator breaks a law they can be arrested.

Antifa stands for anti-fascist. According to Websters dictionary, fascism means "a populist political philosophy, movement, or regime (such as that of the Fascisti) that exalts nation and often race above the individual, that is associated with a centralized autocratic government headed by a dictatorial leader, and that is characterized by severe economic and social regimentation and by forcible suppression of opposition". I do not know too many people that want to give up their freedoms to support dictators and suppression.

The preamble to the Declaration of Independence states, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of happiness." Unfortunately, history shows that has not stopped some in power from trying to divide us along racial lines to suppress the population and gain power and wealth.

Sincerely,

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