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Chair Prozanski, Vice Chair Thatcher and members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary,

I am writing to testify in strong support of Senate Joint Resolution 203, which if passed would propose a constitutional amendment to voters on whether there should be a constitutional amendment banning the use of masks by law enforcement officers and requiring them to wear uniforms with badge numbers. The practice of masking by law enforcement is not only dangerous to public safety but it erodes the trust of the citizens they are supposed to be protecting.

Donald Trump has built a secret police force designed to operate above the law – fueled by massive spending, political loyalty, and a near-total lack of oversight. ICE has been harassing our neighbors, terrorizing our communities and killing American citizens all while masking their identity.

Enough is enough. We know that the practice of masking by law enforcement is not only dangerous to public safety but it erodes the trust of the citizens they are supposed to be protecting. That is why we are supporting the push for a constitutional amendment that would ban the use of masks by law enforcement officers and would require law enforcement officers to wear uniforms with badge numbers.

Thank you for your consideration.