

January 12, 2026

Representative Sara Hannan

cc: Senator Jesse Kiehl
Representative Andi Story

Regarding: Ban on face masks and disguises for police/Class B Misdemeanor

Dear Representative Hannan:

It is my understanding that you are putting forward a law that bans law enforcement/police from using face masks or disguises while on duty or they face being charged with a Class B Misdemeanor.

In these days of technology/face recognition and, with public records, find out who they are, where they live, and information about their families—making threats more easily made and carried out. This is why anti-terrorist and anti-drug Law Enforcement Officers in Europe and most other areas have used face masks for many years. Who would want to work high risk enforcement, such as drug, anti-gang, and anti-terrorism, if it puts their family in danger?

Do teachers, store clerks, etc., have to hear, when they are doing their jobs, "I know where you live and I know where your kids go to school." The threat is there for all law enforcement.

My children have had to be escorted to and from school for their safety when my Police Officer husband was part of law enforcement that arrested members of the Brothers Motorcycle Gang and both officers and families were threatened. With the international gangs and drug cartels, it is even more frightening.

Now Law Enforcement Officers are dealing with even more dangerous situations, and you want them to have less protection? Instead of playing into the hands of drug dealers and other criminals, please try understanding what it takes to be a Law Enforcement Officer and what they may face at any time. The people who want the face masks off the Officers-why? Are they breaking the law?

Please consider the consequences of the law you are trying to get passed.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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