

HB 250 Written Testimony

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Stuart Relay

From: Joyanne Bloom [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, February 13, 2026 2:56 PM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: In support of HB250

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Dear House State Affairs Committee Members,

This Alaska grandma has taught her children and now grandchildren that police are always there to help them. However, they have also learned that people covering up their faces with masks are “the bad guys”. Please support HB250. Masks are not necessary and send the message that our officers are to be feared.

Thank you for considering my testimony and protecting my family,

Joyanne Bloom

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Joyanne Bloom

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Juneau, Alaska 99801

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From: Amy W Paige [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, February 13, 2026 12:00 PM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: Support for HB 250

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Dear Legislators:

In light of the conduct of federal immigration and customs enforcement personnel in recent and ongoing activities in communities across the United States, it is timely to reinforce standards for all Alaska police - federal, state and local - operating in this state. I was pleased to see the introduction of HB 250.

I support the adoption of **HB 250, prohibiting masking of peace officers in their official duties.**

--Masks disguise an officer's identity and prevent the public from holding officers accountable for their actions.

--Masks are designed to intimidate and terrorize; not build trust or de-escalate situations.

--Masks undermine transparency and accountability that is paramount in building trust in a community.

With some exceptions, this bill would prohibit law enforcement officers from concealing their faces while interacting with the public.

I urge you to adopt this bill and support it when it comes to a vote in the full House.

Sincerely,

Amy Paige

[REDACTED]
Juneau, AK 99801

Stuart Relay

From: Larri Spengler [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, February 13, 2026 9:30 AM
To: House State Affairs
Cc: Rep. Sara Hannan
Subject: "yes" on HB 250

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Greetings:

I urge you to support HB 250, which will prohibit masking of peace officers in their official duties, other than in certain specified situations.

In most situations, masks:

- disguise an officer's identity and prevent the public from holding officers accountable for their actions,

- are are designed to intimidate and terrorize; not build trust or de-escalate situations, and

- undermine transparency and accountability that is paramount in building trust in a community.

Thank you.

Larri Spengler

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Larri Irene Spengler
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 12, 2026 4:38 AM
To: House State Affairs; Lsharp@alaska.net; Sen. Elvi Gray-Jackson
Subject: MASKS not allowed in AK bill: FAVOR 2.12.26

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Dear House State Affairs committee, Alaska Legislators,

Please join HB250 as a co-sponsor and help pass it this March or very early in April. Please pass HB 250 out of committee now, to the next step.

I favor this bill, and believe the exceptions in the bill are more than generous.

Masked law enforcement officers makes me think of history (Nazis, Fascists, etc.) and third world countries where a dictator wants illegal law enforcement to do work no one wants it to be known that they actually did.

Can you imagine? You are at your home, or anywhere, and a knock comes at the door. You look out the window as you can't see who it is from inside. You see someone in a uniform, NO BADGE, NO NAME ENGRAVED, MASKED with a hat in addition. The person appears to have a gun.

Would you open the door? Or try calling 911 to get actual help?

No law enforcement in America needs a mask to disguise who they are. If they are getting threats to their family from the general public, then quit that job.

My view is we do not need ICE nor any other law enforcement who think wearing a mask will disguise who they are because their work, and actions, and decisions are so below acceptable, and mostly illegal.

Please join as a co-sponsor to help get this bill out of committee and scheduled quickly for the next step, so it can be passed.

Thank you.

Linda Sharp, 54 year voter in Alaska

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From: Sally Donaldson [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, February 10, 2026 6:33 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB 250

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Dear Members of the House State Affairs Committee,

I am Sally Donaldson, retired school counselor, residing in Juneau, Alaska, just up the hill from the Capitol building. I write in favor of HB250.

Thank you for hearing HB250, making it a crime for a city, state or federal peace officer to wear a mask in public. We know from reports from other states that peace officers who wear masks can escalate situations in which their job is to keep calm and order. Peace officers are typically trained to de-escalate potentially violent situations. Concealing their faces does just the opposite, obscuring nonverbal communication.

Several states and municipalities are currently considering or have passed legislation such as HB250 in order to prevent unnecessary fear and escalation of violent behavior.

I often attend peaceful, legal gatherings, and never have felt afraid. It is my legal right to express my opinions. Imagine how you might feel if you encountered a group of masked, armed, unidentified individuals at such gatherings. I can say right now that I would feel terror.

Thank you for considering this important bill to keep Alaskans safe.

Sincerely,
Sally Donaldson
Juneau

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