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A masked officer of the state or any other government entity is a coward who knows their actions are beyond the constitutions of our state and Federal government intentions. The mask makes it possible to recreate our constitution legalities and moves our country toward anarchy that is then matched with Dictatorship of one who promises to save our country. Not for all. Only those who cower and submit to the commands of the One.

Bring HB 2848 - Dolan - THE OFFENSE OF MASKED INTIMIDATION to the floor. Then pass and enforce this small but nessisary step to open eyes that we can STOP THE DICTATORSHIP WE ARE MARCHING INTO. Open all ears to the words of Benjamin Franklin when asked what our Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States of America brought to our Government..."A REPUBLIC, If YOU CAN KEEP IT."

Please don't miss this opportunity to keep our republic!



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Why This Matters

We are seeing a resurgence in masked harassment, with individuals across the political spectrum using masks to conceal their identity while engaging in intimidation that places others in fear of physical harm. These tactics mirror those historically used by the Ku Klux Klan during its reign of terror - and they're leaving victims feeling powerless and afraid.



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HB 2848 does not violate individual civil rights. It prevents bad actors from masking their identity in order to commit illegal acts of violence and intimidation with impunity. It protects the civil rights, safety, and property of others.



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No individual should be permitted to hide behind a mask while committing a potentially offensive, unlawful, illegal act in my opinion.,



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It is not appropriate for people to hide behind masks when spreading fear or hatred.



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In the Land of the Free and as someone who supports law enforcement, I believe that it is an offense to all our State and Local police to bring in outsiders who hide behind masks and don't follow professional law enforcement standards. Masks are un-American!



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We need to hold accountable those who hide behind masks to intimidate and terrorize our communities.



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My name is Jordan Kadosh and I am the Regional Director for the ADL’s (the Anti-Defamation League) Heartland region, which covers the entire state of Missouri as well as parts of neighboring states. I am here today in support of HB 2848 and the critical need to protect our communities from masked intimidation and harassment.

Since 1913, ADL's mission has been to stop the defamation of the Jewish people and to secure justice and fair treatment to all. ADL is a leading anti-hate organization with deep expertise in combating antisemitism, countering extremism and challenging all forms of discrimination. Through research, education, advocacy and litigation, ADL strives to create a world without hate. ADL's Heartland region partners with schools, law enforcement, civic leaders and community organizations to address hate and promote inclusive environments where all can thrive.

Starting over a hundred years ago, anti-masked harassment laws were on the books in most states across the country. These laws served a critical purpose — to protect communities from masked intimidation by the KKK.

ADL's work on this issue is long-standing, and historians directly credit ADL's efforts to unmask hate with helping to slow the growth of the KKK in the second half of the 20th century. ADL's efforts led to the passage of anti-Klan legislation, including anti-masked harassment and anti-cross burning laws, in seven southern states and 50 communities. Currently, over 20 states, the federal government, and numerous localities have laws restricting masked harassment. It is time for Missouri to join these states.

Unfortunately, not only are we seeing a resurgence in masked harassment and intimidation, many of these individuals feel emboldened by wearing masks and face coverings to hide their identities and spread hate – all while evading accountability. Just last year, over 100 members of the white supremacist group, the Patriot Front, marched through Kansas City with their faces covered. The year prior, about a dozen masked men displayed swastikas on an overpass in Town and Country. These incidents shows that we are at a crucial moment to pass a comprehensive law to combat these tactics when they are used to harass, intimidate, and threaten others with impunity.

ADL supports House Bill 2848, which only criminalizes intentional, masked harassment and intimidation. The law is appropriately tailored to be applicable only to individuals who conceal their identities and intentionally harass, intimidate, or threaten others, placing them in reasonable fear for

their physical safety. HB 2848 allows exceptions for health considerations and religious expression. We all agree on the importance of the right to protest. Anti-masking laws can and must be narrowly tailored to preserve freedom of speech and assembly. However, the exercise of free speech and assembly must not infringe upon the rights and safety of others.

ADL supports HB 2848 and urges you to favorably vote HB 2848 out of committee.



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IF, and only if this bill would apply to government agents like ICE threatening other humans. I would support it



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It is unconscionably dangerous and cowardly for federal agents and law enforcement to hide their identities by covering their faces and omitting name badges when enacting their perceived duties. Anyone with any agenda can cover their face and buy tactical gear online and pose as an agent. Any real agent who is unidentifiable also has carte blanche to rain down violent actions against people without hesitation or fear of reprimand . If agents are truly upholding people's right for fair process, they have no reason to hide their identities.



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I hereby urge Missouri legislators to support HB 2848 to unmask the people (agents) who are harassing and abusing Missouri citizens!!



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The first amendment is first for a reason. However, protesters should be seen. Those of us who listen to protesters should be able to know who is speaking. If someone is unwilling to be identifiable, then perhaps the cause for which they are supporting is not very important to them.



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Please support this bill which will protect citizens from intimidation by masked people.



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This bill is timely and very important to the safety of residents of Missouri



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I present this statement in support of HB 2848 and urge the Committee's quick action on this measure.

Unfortunately, our nation has seen a resurgence in masked harassment. Individuals across the political spectrum are using masks to conceal their identity while engaging in intimidation that places others in fear of physical harm. These tactics mirror those historically used by the Ku Klux Klan during its reign of terror - and they're leaving victims feeling powerless and afraid.

HB 2848 is common sense legislation. By creating the offense of "masked intimidation" and strengthening Missouri's hate crime statute an additional tool is provided to combat those who seek to act with hatred against other person. Intentionally harassing, intimidating, or threatening others while concealing one's face with intent to place them in reasonable fear for their physical safety is not what we want in our society. HB 2848 is an important step to combat the conduct of those seeking to engage in such intimidation. Vote "YES" on HB 2848



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I write in strong opposition to House Bill 2848, specifically the creation of the offense of “masked intimidation.” While this bill purports to address genuine safety concerns, it is a dangerous and overbroad piece of legislation that will criminalize protected speech and activism, disproportionately harm marginalized communities, and chill essential public participation.

The bill defines masked intimidation as intentionally harassing, intimidating, or threatening another person while concealing one’s face. On its surface, this may seem neutral. But we must ask: who is the target of this law? In practice, this statute will be used not against actual threats, but against protesters and demonstrators exercising their First Amendment rights.

Throughout history, face coverings have been a critical tool for marginalized people protesting against powerful interests. From workers in the labor movement to LGBTQ+ activists at Pride marches, and from disability rights advocates to modern racial justice demonstrators, anonymity has protected individuals from retaliation, doxing, and violence. This bill will force vulnerable people to choose between their safety and their right to assemble.

The so-called exceptions in this bill do not solve the problem. They carve out space for holiday costumes, winter sports, and theatrical productions, but they offer no meaningful protection for political protesters. A person worried about being identified while speaking truth to power does not fit neatly into “occupation, trade, or profession.” The bill’s inclusion of face coverings for health and safety is a token acknowledgment, but the law’s broad language will still invite selective enforcement against activists.

We also cannot ignore the racial dynamics of this bill. Black and brown communities, already overpoliced and subjected to disproportionate surveillance, will bear the brunt of this legislation. Officers empowered to stop, question, and arrest anyone whose face covering they deem suspicious will apply this law unevenly. What is a celebration to one person is a threat to another.

This bill is a solution in search of a problem. Missouri already has laws against harassment, intimidation, threats, and assault. We do not need a new crime focused on what someone is wearing. We need investments in community safety, mental health services, and economic opportunity—not laws that criminalize appearance and expand the carceral state.

The First Amendment protection listed in subsection 4 is not a shield. It is a symbolic gesture that will carry little weight in a courtroom when an activist is charged with a misdemeanor for wearing a mask

at a rally. If the legislature truly believes in constitutional rights, it should not pass laws that invite their violation.

I urge you to oppose House Bill 2848. Protect the right to protest. Protect the right to anonymity. Do not criminalize the face of dissent.



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