



Virginia Protection Pledge: Script

Do it your own way ... but this might be helpful to frame a conversation:

Hi there. Have you heard about the petition to require ICE officers to display their agency and name or badge number —and not to hide their faces?

It's not just a national problem on TV. It's happening right here in Arlington. Masked, unidentified people wearing plain clothes are grabbing people in their homes. They claim to be ICE officers or contractors working for ICE ... but from the family's point of view, it looks like a kidnapping.

So we created a petition calling for transparency and accountability. No masks. Identification and authority must be clearly displayed – just like police and other local law enforcement agencies.

Our goal is to get the Arlington County Board – and other elected officials or candidates – to take a stand. Even if they can't control ICE, they can at least express disapproval.

Actions:

- [Sign the petition:](#)

The law should require that people enforcing immigration law display their agency and name or badge during all enforcement actions. They should be forbidden from covering their faces with masks or balaclavas to obscure their identity (with exceptions for medical needs, environmental hazards or covert operations). Personal credentials and arrest authorization must be provided upon request.



- Ask for help getting other people to sign:
 - Officially like a stint at a farmers market
 - Unofficially: Just ask your friends and neighbors
 - It is not a failure if people don't sign! Half the purpose is simply to raise awareness, discuss the issue, and find friends.
- Offer other actions:
 - Check out [We of Action](#), Arlington's local Indivisible action coalition.
 - Choose [a local action from the list](#).