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FAVORABLE FOR HB0304 STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT PARTICIPATION IN FEDERAL
IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT

Chairman Clippinger, Vice Chair Atterbeary, and Committee members,

We Support HB0304.

Here in the City of Frederick we are building a welcoming, inclusive, and just
community. Over just the last few years we have taken great measures to reform our
city hiring policies, procurement and contracting procedures, and community
engagement processes; all with a goal of increasing equity and inclusion in our diverse
city.

For our progress to continue, we support the passage of HB0304 in the General
Assembly. Our city boasts an increasingly large immigrant and ethnic minority
population that contributes wonderfully to our community's vibrancy, prosperity, and
spirit. These residents deserve to trust their local government and know that it is here for
them, to meet their needs, and help create a better future their families. Sadly, we do
not have that trust.

Local participation with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agreements, such
as 287(g), directly and significantly contribute to increased fear of law enforcement
and a general lack of trust for local government. While the Frederick Police Department
does not participate in such programs, the Frederick County Sheriff's Department's
cooperation with ICE is well known throughout the community and has produced a
severe chilling effect on cooperation with all local law enforcement. By extension, these

cooperative agreements with ICE have created a reluctance to engage with government more generally, even as our municipal government strives toward inclusion.

As Aldermen of the City of Frederick, we support a favorable report on HB0304.

Sincerely,

Kelly Russell
Alderman, President Pro Tem

Ben MacShane
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