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The Honorable Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee  
Maryland State Senate  
11 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

We are writing to express our strong opposition to Bill HB1222, which seeks to end the partnership 287(g) program in Maryland. We believe this bill would have a detrimental effect on public safety, the well-being of local communities, and the integrity of law enforcement efforts.

The 287(g) program allows local law enforcement agencies to collaborate with federal immigration authorities to identify and remove individuals who have committed serious crimes and are in the country unlawfully. By ending this program, Maryland would lose a vital tool in ensuring that individuals who pose a significant threat to our communities—whether through violent crimes or other offenses—are held accountable and removed from the country in a timely manner.

The partnership between local law enforcement and federal immigration authorities enhances the ability to keep our communities safe. It provides local police with the resources and support necessary to identify individuals with criminal backgrounds who may otherwise evade detection. As a result, ending this program would not only reduce the capacity of local agencies to address crime, but it would also make our communities more vulnerable to individuals who have broken both local and federal laws.

Furthermore, the 287(g) program fosters greater cooperation and communication between state and federal authorities, helping to ensure that law enforcement efforts are more efficient and effective. The ability for local law enforcement to receive training and assistance from federal immigration officers adds a layer of expertise that is crucial in protecting public safety.

We understand the concerns some may have regarding the program, particularly when it comes to the relationship between immigrant communities and law enforcement. However, we believe these concerns can be addressed through reforms and safeguards that ensure the program is implemented fairly and transparently, rather than eliminating it

altogether. By working together, we can find solutions that maintain public safety while respecting the rights of all individuals, regardless of their immigration status.

For these reasons, We I urge you to vote against HB1222 and allow the 287(g) program to continue in Maryland, so that our law enforcement agencies can continue to keep us safe and uphold the rule of law.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Travis Marion  
Mayor- Town of Rising Sun



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