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**Testimony in opposition of HB1222  
Public Safety - Immigration Enforcement (Maryland Values Act)**

Dear Chair Senator William Smith and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for providing me the opportunity to testify in opposition of House Bill HB1222.

Today, law enforcement leaders from around the state rallied in Annapolis pleading for you to table HB1222 which eliminates participation with the 287g program. According to these law enforcement leaders, Maryland's participation is limited to our jails after a person has been arrested on a non-immigration related offense. <https://www.wbal.com/sheriffs-across-maryland-to-hold-press-conference-opposing-house-bill-related-to-immigration>

Maryland made national news with the murder of Kayla Hamilton and Rachel Morin both in Harford County at the hands of illegal aliens. How are Maryland law makers responding? You guessed it, they are poised to make Maryland a sanctuary State to protect illegal aliens like Rachel and Kayla's killers!

It was just after Kayla Hamilton's 20<sup>th</sup> birthday that she was strangled to death by an MS-13 gang member named Walter Martinez who was in our country illegally. Walter was just 16 years old at the time of the murder.

During the investigation, according to Fox45, Walter was placed in foster care and enrolled initially in Lansdowne High School, and later moved to Edgewood High School. Please see the link for the full story. <https://foxbaltimore.com/news/project-baltimore/multiple-failures-led-to-ms-13-murder-suspect-attending-maryland-schools-official-says-mark-morgan-walter-martinez-kayla-hamilton-tammy-nobles-edgewood-lansdowne-ice>

Kayla's killer will likely serve only a fraction of his sentence because of his age at the time of his crime. He also admitted to being an MS13 gang member and has confessed to killing 3 additional people in his native El Salvador. This legislation potentially releases this convicted murderer back onto our Maryland streets instead of sending him back to his home country to face justice!

HB1222 not only jeopardizes public safety, but also puts at risk federal funding to Maryland at a time that we are facing a budget crisis!

This is why I strongly urge you to vote no on HB1222!

Thanks,

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