

Support the Protecting Sensitive Locations Act (SB0828)

Dear Members of the House Judiciary Committee,

We are the Maryland Just Power Alliance, a coalition of 3 non-partisan community power organizations: Anne Arundel Connecting Together (ACT), Action in Montgomery (AIM), and People Acting Together in Howard (PATH), representing tens of thousands of Maryland residents. We organize with people in congregations, schools, and neighborhoods to build power for policies that make our communities more fair and livable for everyone. We are asking you to support the Protecting Sensitive Locations Act (SB0828) when it is considered by the Judiciary Committee.

The Protecting Sensitive Locations Act is crucial for protecting sensitive spaces for our communities such as schools and hospitals. This bill will make a difference by providing clear guidance for these sensitive locations on how to respond to interactions with ICE and protect people's rights.

We urge you to pass this bill out of your committee without delay so that, as an emergency bill, it can be signed by the Governor as soon as possible. We also want to ask that you include houses of worship in the list of sensitive locations because our congregations need this guidance so they can continue being safe, sacred spaces.

Thank you for your consideration.