

Testimony on House Bill – Favorable

HB1018 Correctional Services - Immigration Detention Facilities - Minimum Mandatory Standards

House Government, Labor, and Elections Committee

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Dear Honorable Chair Wells, Vice Chair Kerr, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to offer favorable testimony in support of **HB1018** Correctional Services - Immigration Detention Facilities - Minimum Mandatory Standards.

ICE is running detention centers with no external oversight: no guidelines, no standards. Detainees are subject to serious mistreatment and abuses. Some have died. Should ICE establish a detention center in Maryland, we need to do our best to ensure that this does not happen in Maryland.

We don't live in a police state. We must stand up and say "no" to ICE and its police state tactics.

I urge the House Government, Labor, and Elections Committee to issue a favorable report on HB 1018.

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