

February 10, 2026

**HB 1018 - Correctional Services - Immigration Detention
Facilities - Minimum Mandatory Standards - Position:
Favorable**

Dear Delegate Stewart and Members of the Committee,

I, Cynthia Sokolow, offer testimony in support of HB 1018.

Anyone operating a detention center in Maryland must follow at least the minimum standards required by law. These facilities must meet strict cleanliness, health and safety guidelines. Unscheduled inspections should occur several times per month. Federal, state and local lawmakers are to be granted immediate access upon request. Transparency is vital.

I respectfully urge you to vote YES on HB 1018.

Sincerely,

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