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TESTIMONY ON HB#1018 - POSITION: FAVORABLE
**Correctional Services - Immigration Detention Facilities -
Minimum Mandatory Standards**

TO: Chair Wells, Vice-Chair Kerr, and Honorable Members of the Committee

FROM: Anita Lampel

My name is Anita Lampel. I am a resident of District 16. I am submitting this testimony in support of HB#1018, Correctional Services-Immigration Detention Facilities-Minimum Mandatory Standards

I am a retired psychologist who worked extensively with youth involved in the juvenile justice system in California, where I managed a Child and Adolescent Mental Health Program for a large county and later did private work for the court system. I belong to Adat Shalom Reconstructionist Congregation in Bethesda. My Jewish values and my background and experience in this area unite in my statement that immigrants should not be subjected to the current vile mishandling of adults and children. My mother's family crossed into the United States in the early 1930s illegally. Years later, they were summarily deported back to Canada, permanently disrupting my mother's education and traumatizing her five younger siblings. So I do know what that is like. They were not, however, held in horrific conditions, deprived of attorneys, warehoused! Who does that to human beings?

This bill would bring to a halt the efforts of the Federal Government's ICE forces to warehouse immigrants in Maryland.

I respectfully urge this committee to return a favorable report on HB#1018.