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February 24, 2020

The Honorable William C. Smith Jr., Chair  
Judicial Proceedings Committee  
2 East  
Miller Senate Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: Opposition Senate Bill 850 –Correctional Services- Immigration Detention-Prohibition  
(Dignity Not Detention Act)

Dear Chairman Smith and Committee Members:

The Somerset County Commissioners wish to express their opposition of SB850-  
Correctional Services- Immigration Detention-Prohibition (Dignity Not Detention Act).

We understand that this bill as presented would prohibit governmental entities in Maryland  
from housing immigration related detainee's as of October 1, 2021. The Somerset County  
Commissioners are opposed to this legislation and ask for an unfavorable report on SB850.

Sincerely,

Craig N. Mathies, Sr.  
President

Cc: Senator Marybeth Carozza