

Testimony for the Senate Judiciary Proceedings Committee
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SB 88 - State and Local Government - Participation in Federal Immigration Enforcement
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Dear Senator Will Smith, and both chairs of the Judiciary Committee: Luke Clippinger and Vanessa Atterbeary,

We support Bill SB88 (The TRUST Act).

We are allies in the continuing work to assure that members of our Frederick County immigrant communities have full equal protection under the law as provided in Amendments 4, 5, and 14 of the U.S. Constitution. We have heard stories, and have ourselves observed a questionable police traffic stop on U.S. Alt 40 in front of our house. These incidents confirm racial motivation and disregard on the part of the police of the principle of probable cause suffered by people of color, specifically those that appear to be of Hispanic race. These kinds of stops have resulted in questionable detentions in order to facilitate questionable deportations under the 287(g) program.

This injustice must stop. Passage of this Bill will bring the State of Maryland one step closer to the demand and expectation of racial equity at a national level in President Biden's Executive Order Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities through the Federal Government (January 20, 2021).

Attentively,

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