

To whom it may concern,

Hello, my name is Daisy Lopez, a senior at Northwood High School. I am writing to you to urge you to support SB 0478/ HB 0016 in this legislative session, which will prevent MD local and state governments from going into contract with facilities for immigration detention, require public notification and allowing public comment on awarding permits to private businesses going into contract with ICE, and end existing government private detention centers. These centers are depriving families of human rights and profiting off of dehumanization. This is clearly not a political matter- it is one of humanity. Seeing families being separated, incarcerated, and put in miserable conditions, I can not stay silent, and I hope you won't either.