

SB0088- **Oppose**

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Member of the Judiciary Committee. I am asking you to submit an unfavorable report for SB088.

#1. It makes residents less safe: Not cooperating with ICE, a federal agency means you are proposing an important federal tool, funded with our tax dollars, to help residents be safe. ICE is there for our safety, to help enforce immigration law and keep dangerous illegal immigrants off the streets.

#2. Circumventing Citizens' Rights: In Article 2 of your Maryland Constitution, it says that the US Constitution is the Supreme Law of the State. In Article 45, it states that the rights shall not be construed to impair or deny others retained by the people. It seems pretty clear that you are circumventing the rights of U.S. citizens by preventing local jurisdictions from protecting their citizens, all in the name of "dignity" for serious law breakers who threaten the lives of others. This means, members of the Judiciary Committee, that you are placing illegal immigrant feelings above federal law and the safety of Maryland residents.

#3. The bill's own language predicts unconstitutionality: Attempting to pass a bill that is similar to laws that are being contested in court is a risky move. Montgomery County, which is a petri dish for Maryland, is on its way to looking like California and is already experiencing negative consequences from its sanctuary policies.