

Favorable Testimony for SB88/HB304

Delegate Luke Clippinger, Chair, and Members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee

I am writing in support of the Trust Act – SB88/HB304

At this time it's imperative we allow immigrants in our community to know our state supports their safety. Passing the Trust Act HB304 will build confidence in this mostly silent community. Many immigrants live with the possibility of being incarcerated and deported by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) This creates a condition of fear. At this point, ICE has become an inhumane agency, which has been reported to torture and mistreat its inmates. This has created a fear and is a deterrent to report crimes to the police, as well as attend institutions where they may be arrested. Immigrants come to this country looking for an opportunity to improve their lives away from dangerous circumstances. At one time, my family were immigrants. Once the Trust Act is passed our state will be building confidence and comity between immigrants, institutions and authorities. This act will show we are the state which treats people with concern and compassion .

Please pass **HB304/SB88**.

Thank you,
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