

Lorena Rivas, Testimony in SUPPORT of HB304

State and Local Government - Participation in Federal Immigration Enforcement
House Judiciary Committee

March 3, 2021

Dear Legislators of the Maryland General Assembly,

My name is Lorena Rivas. I am from El Salvador and live in Oxen Hill, Maryland, District 26. I have been living in Maryland for three years, but I lived for three years in Michigan. I have four children. Three were born in Maryland and one was born and still lives in El Salvador. I support the Trust Act and would like my district representative to support my request which is that ICE should not be allowed to enter schools.

Through the years I have seen how ICE arrives at the schools to wait for the parents to leave their children and then they do their work, their detentions, sometimes without caring that the children witness the scene. I would like to ask my district representative to support the Trust Act so that this no longer happens.

I believe ICE should not be allowed to enter schools. It is very important to make Maryland a safe state for immigrants. I urge legislators to support this bill, HB304. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Lorena Rivas, District 25

Resident of Oxen Hill, MD