

**Anyelina Posada, Testimony in SUPPORT of HB304**

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

March 3, 2021

Dear Members of the Committee:

My name is Anyelina Posada and I live in Fulton, Maryland. I support the Trust Act, because it will protect us from racial profiling and limit the widespread detention of undocumented people in municipal jail for deportaiton.

I support the bill, because it makes no sense to spend resources on detaining people solely based upon on immigraiton status for civil and not criminal violations. State resources should be used in a better way. For example, I knew of a man from Guatemala who served the community for a long time and due to various factors his visa expired. He did not complete the procedures to renew it which is why he remained undocumented. One day, on his way to work, the police stopped him and when they noticed that he was undocumented he was directed to ICE. As a result of his civil violations, he is imprisoned. I believe that the Trust Act would help a lot of people like this man to get out of jail and show immigrants that every human being who is on American soil has the right to due process and equal protection before the law instead of being racial profiled.

I am an immigrant and my visa expires in a month. I still cannot go to my country due to COVID issues. I am resolving the problem, but it distresses me to think that my visa expires and I may have problems in case an authority requires my documents. I ask that you support the bill to give us immigrants peace of mind, especially those who for one reason or another beyond their control were or could be undocumented.

For the reasons outlined above, I respectfully urge you to pass HB304.

Sincerely,

**Anyelina Posada**  
**Resident of Fulton, MD**