

Marcela Acevedo, Testimony in SUPPORT of HB304

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

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Dear Members of the Committee:

My name is Marcela Acevedo. I am from El Salvador, and I currently live with my husband and sister-in-law in Prince George's County, Maryland, District 26. I came to this country six years ago and last year was a very difficult year for all of us due to the COVID-19 pandemic. I think it has also been the year that there have been more deportations.

As a Latino, it is very painful for me to see how many families have been separated by ICE. I think that this is not healthy for many children born in this country and who have been separated from their parents when the right of every child, in addition to education and health, is to grow up with their family in an environment where they are cared for, educated and protected.

I have friends and co-workers who are honest and hard-working people who only want to be able to live and work freely without fear of being arrested and deported by ICE. Many live in fear of being deported and separated from their children and also many are mistreated and discriminated against.

I am proud to support the Trust Act. I would be proud to live freely and feel the support of the government whenever we need it and to show that Latinos can move this country forward with work and effort.

Sincerely,

Marcela Acevedo, District 26

Resident of Prince George's County, MD