



THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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POSITION STATEMENT

HB 304

Delegate W. Fisher
(JUD Committee)

State and Local Government – Participation in
Federal Immigration Enforcement

POSITION:

SUPPORT

HB 304 – Police Reform and Accountability Act of 2021 – This bill expresses the intent of the General Assembly to maintain community trust in Maryland governmental operations and law enforcement by clarifying the parameters of State and local participation in federal immigration enforcement efforts.

The Prince George's County Council has long been a leader in immigration reform. On November 19, 2019, the Council passed CB-62-2019, "Community Inclusiveness" for the purpose of codifying the County's administrative policy that County law enforcement agencies shall not honor Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detainers in non-criminal interactions and mandate that all County agencies shall not engage in immigration enforcement.

This bill would help ensure that all Marylanders, regardless of immigration status, have the Constitutional rights to which they are entitled, and provide important protections that build trust between law enforcement and the communities they serve.

For the foregoing reasons, the Prince George's County Council **SUPPORTS HB 304** and respectfully requests your favorable consideration of its position.

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