

SB0387_Ann Rubin_ Unfavorable

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Position: Unfavorable

Correctional Services - Transfers to Federal Authorities - Undocumented Immigrants (Protecting Marylanders From Violent Offenders Act of 2025) Dr. Anna Rubin
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TESTIMONY – Unfavorable - Correctional Services - Transfers to Federal Authorities - Undocumented Immigrants (Protecting Marylanders From Violent Offenders Act of 2025)

TO: Chair Senator Smith and Vice Chair Waldstreicher, Judicial Proceedings Committee

FROM: Dr. Anna Rubin

DATE: Friday, January 31, 2025

I am writing as a private citizen and as a member of the Columbia Jewish Congregation (chair of Social Justice Committee and former board member) as well as civic organizations.

I urge the committee to issue an unfavorable report on this bill.

The Torah commands us to pursue justice, and our sages instruct us that the methods we use to do so must be just themselves. Sen. Folden's bill expedites deportation which is a harmful practice separating families, inflicting trauma on the community, and using extreme punishment rather than working to rehabilitate the offender.

Respectfully submitted,

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