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The Honorable Senator Will Smith
Judicial Proceedings Committee
Senate of Maryland
2 East Miller Senate Office Building

Dear Chair Smith,

I am writing to express my strong support for Senate Bill 828, the Protecting Sensitive Locations Act, which is a critical step in safeguarding the rights of individuals in our community to freely exercise their religious beliefs, pursue their education, and access essential healthcare services without the fear of interference from immigration enforcement agents.

As Mayor of Frederick, I know that the City must be a place where every individual, regardless of their background, can live without fear of harassment or discrimination.

The City of Frederick prides itself on being an inclusive and welcoming community—one where individuals are not only safe but are also empowered to participate in society fully. This bill is an important tool in ensuring that sensitive locations, such as places of worship, schools, healthcare facilities, and social service establishments, remain places of sanctuary. People should not fear being attacked or detained when they are seeking medical care, attending school, or practicing their faith. These are fundamental rights that must be protected, and Senate Bill 828 ensures that they are.

By limiting immigration enforcement in sensitive locations, we are reinforcing the values that make Frederick a thriving, compassionate city.

We believe in providing safety and security for all our residents—whether they are born here or have come from other parts of the world—and this bill exemplifies those values. It demonstrates our commitment to upholding the dignity and humanity of every person, while preventing the fear mongering that too often plagues immigrant communities.

The City of Frederick supports the passage of Senate Bill 828 and urges you and your colleagues to act in favor of the protections it provides. This legislation is a reflection of our shared belief in a just, fair, and

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inclusive society where every individual can access the services and protections they need without fear or prejudice.

Thank you for your leadership and for your dedication to the well-being of all Marylanders.

Sincerely,

Michael O'Connor
Mayor