



Testimony on HB 1006 (MGA 2025)

Protecting Sensitive Locations Act Position: **FAV**

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To Chair Clippinger and Members of the Judiciary Committee:

My name is Ricarra Jones, and I am the Political Director with 1199SEIU United Healthcare Workers East. We are the largest healthcare workers union in the nation, representing over 400,000 workers across the East Coast with 10,000 members in Maryland and Washington, DC.

The intent of HB 1006 is to protect our safe spaces and the essential human activities that take place in healthcare facilities, schools, churches, and shelters. Our members work in these locations and give and receive services in these locations.

With the Federal administration rescission of the Sensitive Locations protections, hardworking immigrants and families are facing devastating impacts on their sense of security and safety. Marylanders should not live in fear of being targeted in spaces intended to provide basic and essential human needs.

With this legislation, children can go to school, sick people can obtain hospital care, and families can worship without fear. Maryland must continue to stand up to petty cruelty that would deny fundamental rights to our most vulnerable population.

We support HB 1006 and urge a favorable report.

Respectfully,
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