## Testimony in Support of HB1006

Immigration Enforcement – Sensitive Locations – Guidelines and Policies (Protecting Sensitive Locations Act)

## **FAVORABLE**

To: Chair Delegate Luke Clippinger, Vice Chair Delegate J. Sandy Bartlett, and all members of the House Judiciary Committee.

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Chair Delegate Clippinger, Vice Chair Delegate Bartlett and all members of the House Judiciary Committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to write testimony for this important bill.

As a country, I feel that we are supposed to watch out for each other. That was from the very beginning.

Also, from the beginning of the country, we have a history of being intolerant of others, including those who preceded us here and those who were brought involuntarily.

Immigrants, which include nearly all of us, built this country. We built roads, buildings, farmed and so much else. Many have been treated unfairly.

We now have a group that may, or in some cases, may not have come without proper documentation. Many have come in fear from another place, but they all came and most are hard working people who just want a chance to live.

Some are now afraid. They're afraid to have children go to school, they're afraid to get medical care, and practice their religion. All of which are basic rights.

We need to protect people as we can. Our country will be better and stronger. We need to find different solutions other than raids and deportations.

I ask for a **FAVORABLE** Report.