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## TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 1006

### Immigrant Enforcement – Sensitive Locations – Guidelines and Policies (Protecting Sensitive Locations Act)

House Judiciary Committee  
February 27, 2025

Marylanders Against Poverty (MAP) supports HB 1006, which would direct the Attorney General to issue guidance about limiting immigration enforcement in “sensitive locations” in compliance with federal and state laws.

Like all Marylanders, immigrant families and those who have varying levels of citizenship status have the same needs, desires, and dreams. On a basic level – and as represented in HB 1006, this includes access to food, education, child care, transportation, healthcare, shelters, emergency assistance, and access to trusted community places such as community-based organizations and houses of worship. The inability of *any* Marylander to have these needs met is a crisis, but with the added stress and fear of increased immigration enforcement, immigrant families are particularly at risk.

Many potential or perceived barriers to meeting basic household and family needs goes against MAP’s belief that all people have basic human rights, including access to food, affordable and stable housing, adequate and comprehensive health care, and education and vocational opportunities. The safety of our immigrant neighbors is of utmost importance, and even more so for those who are low-income, ineligible for public benefits, and language barriered.

The state’s ability to provide tangible and implementable guidance to our immigrant neighbors can only benefit the safety and prosperity of every Marylander.

MAP appreciates your consideration and respectfully requests that the committee a favorable report for HB 1006.

***Marylanders Against Poverty (MAP) is a coalition of service providers, faith communities, and advocacy organizations advancing statewide public policies and programs necessary to alleviate the burdens faced by Marylanders living in or near poverty, and to address the underlying systemic causes of poverty.***