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The Honorable Members of the House Committee

Maryland General Assembly

Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: Testimony in Support of HB1006 – Protecting Sensitive Locations Act

I am writing to express my strong support for HB1006, the Protecting Sensitive Locations Act, which ensures that all Maryland residents, regardless of immigration status, can access essential services without fear of immigration enforcement in designated sensitive locations. As an immigrant and advocate for my community, I have seen the fear and hesitation many individuals experience when seeking necessary services due to concerns about their immigration status.

This bill is crucial in fostering trust between immigrant communities and public service institutions. HB1006 establishes clear guidelines to limit immigration enforcement in sensitive locations such as:

- **Schools**, ensuring that children can receive an education without fear.
- **Hospitals and healthcare facilities**, so individuals can seek medical care when needed.
- **Places of worship**, allowing people to practice their faith in safety.
- **Courthouses and other essential public spaces**, so individuals can access legal resources without intimidation.

By passing this bill, Maryland will take a significant step in protecting vulnerable individuals and ensuring that no one is deterred from seeking necessary services due to their immigration status. HB1006 promotes public safety, strengthens community trust, and upholds the dignity of all Maryland residents.

I urge you to vote in favor of HB1006 and support its mission to create a safer, more inclusive Maryland. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Maureen Wambui