

House Judiciary Committee February 27, 2025

House Bill 1006: Immigration Enforcement - Sensitive Locations - Guidelines and Policies (Protecting Sensitive Locations Act)

SUPPORT

The National Association of Social Workers – Maryland Chapter, an organization representing social workers statewide, supports House Bill 1006, a bill which will add in the protection of sensitive locations.

This bill will require the Attorney General to develop guidelines relating to immigration enforcement at certain sensitive locations and require State agencies that operate at sensitive locations to adopt policies consistent with the guidelines or provide written notice of a decision not to adopt policies consistent with the guidelines.

As a resident of Maryland for almost 21 years and as a social worker, one of our beliefs is the dignity and worth of a person. Passing this legislation will require the Attorney General to provide guidelines that will support the dignity and worth of person(s) who live and work in Maryland and help ease the fear of enforcement action occurring in places that they frequent on a daily basis.

Again, I urge this committee to support this bill. Thank You for your time and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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