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TO: Delegate Luke Clippinger, Chair

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**Judiciary Committee Members** 

FROM: Maryland Legislative Latino Caucus

DATE: February 27, 2025

RE: HB1006 – Immigration Enforcement – Sensitive Locations –

Guidelines and Policies (Protecting Sensitive Locations Act)

## <u>The MLLC supports HB1006 – Immigration Enforcement – Sensitive Locations – Guidelines and Policies (Protecting Sensitive Locations Act)</u>

The MLLC is a bipartisan group of Senators and Delegates committed to supporting legislation that improves the lives of Latinos throughout our state. The MLLC is a crucial voice in the development of public policy that uplifts the Latino community and benefits the state of Maryland. Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to express our support of HB1006.

HB1006 is a priority legislation for the MLLC as well as an emergency bill. This act establishes clear guidelines on ICE's access to sensitive locations in Maryland that limit immigration enforcement at sensitive locations to the greatest extent possible consistent with federal and state law. These include schools, courthouses, hospitals, places of worship, and other spaces where Maryland residents receive vital services and resources.

Sensitive locations are important as they restrict certain enforcement actions of ICE. They ensure that people, regardless of immigration status, have a safe space to access health and education as well as exercise their freedom to worship and publicly convene.<sup>1</sup> Additionally, establishing sensitive locations in Maryland ensures that these community institutions receive guidance from the attorney general on the rights of immigrants in these locations.<sup>2</sup>

For these reasons, the Maryland Legislative Latino Caucus respectfully requests a favorable report on HB1006.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Sensitive Locations Toolkit

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Advocates urge Maryland lawmakers to protect 'sensitive locations' from immigration raids