MEMBER Planning, Housing and Parks Committee (PHP)

100 Maryland Ave Rockville, MD 20850



FAVORABLE Maryland Values Act (HB1222)

February 25, 2025

Dear Members of the Committee:

I urge you to terminate 287(g) agreements that allow local law enforcement to act as ICE agent. As a Montgomery County elected official, I work closely – and proudly - with the Montgomery County Police Department and Park Police, part of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning, to keep my constituents safe. I can tell you that to keep communities safe, **we must build trust** among community members and police officers. Having local police officers act as immigration agents through 287(g) agreements is not helpful towards reaching our public safety goals. We need every resident, regardless of immigration status, to speak up when they see something wrong happening in their community, and work side-by-side with our local police department, to keep our communities safe and vibrant.

This is why I urge you to please vote in favor of the Maryland Values Act.

Sincerely,

Natali Fani-González Councilmember, District 6

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