



MONTGOMERY COUNTY COUNCIL
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND

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Protecting Sensitive Locations Act (SB828 / HB1006)

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Dear Members of the Committee:

Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) should not carry out enforcement actions at sensitive locations, such as schools, places of worships and hospitals in communities around the country. In fact, actions at these community locations does not have the support of the majority of Americans, according to a [recent poll](#) by The Associated Press (AP)-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research. Direct link: <https://thehill.com/policy/national-security/5099918-ice-arrests-schools-churches-survey/>

The Protecting Sensitive Locations Act establishes clear guidelines on limiting ICE access to sensitive locations, including schools, courthouses, hospitals, places of worship, and other vital spaces. Keeping places such as schools and hospitals as protected areas benefits all of us, and in fact is the same “common sense” that the Trump Administration allegedly claims to embrace.

We want all children in school to fulfill their educational potential and become productive members of our communities. But the new Federal directive will likely result in increased arrests in and around school campuses, as we witnessed during the first Trump Administration. The impact of these immigration actions is not limited to undocumented children or American kids who have undocumented parents. There is a damaging ripple effect to take such federal actions in our community spaces. Teachers and children are naturally concerned when their classmates suffer major trauma. This kind of indiscriminate enforcement adversely affects the emotional health — and thus educational achievement — of all the children in the school. As an immigrant and legislator in the State of Maryland, I urge you to please vote in favor of SB 828 / HB1006.

Sincerely,

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