

Written Testimony for **HB 1222**: Public Safety - Immigration Enforcement (Maryland Values Act) - Please **VOTE NO** on this bill.

Dear Judiciary Committee:

This bill states “THE STATE, A UNIT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, A COUNTY SHERIFF, OR ANY AGENCY, OFFICER, EMPLOYEE, OR AGENT OF THE STATE OR A UNIT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT MAY NOT ENTER INTO AN IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT AGREEMENT. THE STATE, A UNIT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, A COUNTY SHERIFF, OR ANY AGENCY, OFFICER, EMPLOYEE, OR AGENT OF THE STATE OR A UNIT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT WITH AN EXISTING IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT AGREEMENT SHALL EXERCISE THE TERMINATION PROVISION CONTAINED IN THE IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT AGREEMENT NOT LATER THAN JULY 1, 2025...”

HB1222 (Maryland Values Act) proposes significant changes to immigration enforcement in Maryland:

1. Terminates 287(g) agreements in Cecil, Frederick, and Harford counties, limiting local-federal cooperation on immigration.
2. Eliminates ICE agent training for local police officers in these counties.
3. Requires statewide detention (up to 48 hours) of individuals unlawfully present who have committed violent crimes, before transfer to federal authorities.
4. Cuts federal funding currently received by the three affected counties.
5. Removes a promotional opportunity for officers in these counties.

HB 1222 goes directly against President Trump’s EO regarding illegal immigrants in our country. And our LEOs are going to be the ones who suffer for it. I live in **Frederick County, MD**, which is **DIRECTLY** affected by this bill. I do not want illegal immigrant criminals near my home and places that I frequent with my family. Since foreign immigrants entered our country illegally, we have seen an increase in crime, especially in violent crime and rape and sexual assault, an increase in drugs, especially Fentanyl, and an increase in Fentanyl related deaths, just to name a few of the negative effects. I’m not against all immigration. I have friends whose families have immigrated legally to this country. I simply want illegal immigrant criminals removed from our country and returned to their country of origin. They have committed a crime by entering our country illegally and should be returned to their countries of origin.

Please **VOTE NO** on this bill.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

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