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

Dear Colleagues,

House Bill 1006 - Immigration Enforcement - Sensitive Locations - Guidelines and Policies (Protecting Sensitive Locations Act) is an emergency bill that would direct the Office of the Attorney General to develop policies limiting civil immigration enforcement activities (ICE) at sensitive locations consistent with federal and state laws.

Sensitive locations are locations and properties that provide services related to physical or mental health and wellness, childcare, education or literacy, food, housing security, religion or worship, or access to the courts and justice system. The Attorney General will also be required to consult with stakeholders who operate programs at sensitive locations to develop and publish model policies, guidance, and training recommendations that limit immigration enforcement, engagement, and assistance at sensitive locations to the fullest extent possible, consistent with federal and state laws.

On January 20, 2025, the Trump Administration rescinded the Biden Administration's guidelines for Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Customs and Border Protection (CBP) enforcement actions at federally "sensitive locations". With this action, these previously federally protected sensitive locations are now potentially jeopardous to our immigrant community. With the growing anxieties of the current Presidential Administration, this legislation will ensure that these facilities remain safe and accessible to all.

I'm proud to introduce House Bill 1006, which would protect our immigrant community while accessing essential services and spaces by limiting ICE activities at these sensitive locations. This legislation reinforces Maryland's commitment to dignity, safety, and community by ensuring that everyone, regardless of immigration status, can access healthcare, education, and essential resources without fear or intimidation.

For these reasons, I urge your **favorable vote** on **House Bill 1006 - Immigration Enforcement - Sensitive Locations - Guidelines and Policies (Protecting Sensitive Locations Act)**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jheanelle Wilkins".

Delegate Jheanelle Wilkins