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MARYLAND JUDICIAL COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

MEMORANDUM

TO: House Judiciary Committee FROM: Legislative Committee

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RE: House Bill 1006

Immigration Enforcement – Sensitive Locations – Guidelines and

Policies (Protecting Sensitive Locations Act)

DATE: February 5, 2025

(2/27)

POSITION: Oppose

The Maryland Judiciary opposes House Bill 1006 to the extent it would apply to the Judiciary. Article IV, §18 of the Maryland Constitution dictates that the "Supreme Court of Maryland from time to time shall adopt rules and regulations concerning the practice and procedure in and the administration of the appellate courts and in the other courts of this State . . ." If made applicable to the Judiciary, this bill would be inconsistent with judicial independence and the Judiciary's authority to regulate its own facilities and operations.

cc. Hon. Jheanelle Wilkins Judicial Council

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