



HARFORD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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House Bill 653 – Support

Correctional Services- Transfer to Federal Authorities- Undocumented Immigrants

Letter of Support to the House Judiciary Committee

March 5, 2025

Mr. Chairman and Members of the House Judiciary Committee, I am pleased to submit this letter of Support for House Bill 653.

Across our Country Public Safety partners are sharing information and working cooperatively to identify and remove dangerous criminals who are also in this country illegally.

The voters of Maryland spoke clearly in a survey last month when an overwhelming majority (76%) said they wanted illegal immigrants who commit crimes to be identified and deported. The federal partnership the HCSO entered with Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE) for the last 8 years does just that. We partner with Federal Law Enforcement through our detention center to identify and remove criminals from our community.

This Bill seeks to establish in law “Only the basics of corporation with our Federal Partners” and this is necessary since some jurisdictions in the State still refuse to work with the Federal Government to remove even the most dangerous of criminals.

For these reasons we request a favorable opinion on HB 653.

Respectfully Offered,

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