



TESTIMONY FOR SB0810
Public Schools - School Security Personnel - Immigration Investigation and Enforcement

Bill Sponsor: Senator King

Committee: Education, Energy, and the Environment

Organization Submitting: Maryland Legislative Coalition

Person Submitting: Cecilia Plante, co-chair

Position: FAVORABLE

I am submitting this testimony in favor of SB0810 on behalf of the Maryland Legislative Coalition. The Maryland Legislative Coalition is an association of activists - individuals and grassroots groups in every district in the state. We are unpaid citizen lobbyists, and our Coalition supports well over 30,000 members.

Immigration enforcement in this country has become a misnomer. It is currently a lawless, aggressive, and cruel operation designed to abuse anyone that the any of the Department of Homeland Security personnel decide they don't like. They have crossed every line and become criminals themselves.

The last thing we need is for them to be using our school personnel to target people. This bill, if enacted, would prohibit school security personnel from providing any information or document pertaining to student educational records or employee personnel records or any other information about a student, a public-school employee, or a student's or a public-school employee's family or household for purposes of federal immigration investigation or enforcement.

Additionally, if they are given a judicial warrant, a judicial subpoena, or other legal document that would require them to produce any information they must immediately contact the County Superintendent and Legal Counsel for the local school.

Sadly, we need this level of security to ensure that our children and their families are safe from the kind of targeting that we are seeing every day.

We strongly support this bill and recommend a **FAVORABLE** report in committee.