

I am a Maryland resident writing to urge the General Assembly to vote for HB 1017 and HB 1018. We have seen countless instances of ICE and border control officers illegally detaining, deporting, and even killing people—including US citizens. Detainees are often subjected to unacceptable conditions, far below basic health-and-safety norms. This blatant disregard of due process of law in the name of “immigration enforcement” must end. Allowing private individuals or companies to profit from illegal detention activities will just encourage continued lawless action. And it should go without saying (but it must be said anyway) that conditions in detention facilities should meet humane norms and standards. Please don’t let Maryland perpetuate this immigration injustice. Vote in favor of HB 1017 and HB 1018. Thank you for considering my testimony in support of these bills.

Respectfully,

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