

Testimony on House Bill – Favorable
HB1017 Correctional Services - Private Immigration Detention Facilities - Zoning
Requirement

House Government, Labor, and Elections Committee
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Dear Honorable Chair Wells, Vice Chair Kerr, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to offer favorable testimony in support of **HB1017** Correctional Services - Private Immigration Detention Facilities - Zoning Requirement.

ICE tried to sneak a detention center into Howard County. Their actions fit perfectly with their behavior to date.

The Fifth Amendment of our Constitution guarantees due process for ALL PERSONS. ICE violates these guarantees daily, using detention centers to deprive victims of their freedom and treat them abominably.

We don't live in a police state. We must stand up and say "no" to ICE and its police state tactics.

I urge the House Government, Labor, and Elections Committee to issue **a favorable report** on HB 1017.

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