

**Testimony on House Bill – Favorable**

**HB1017** Correctional Services - Private Immigration Detention Facilities - Zoning Requirement

**House Government, Labor, and Elections Committee**

**February 12, 2026**

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.

I am a primary care physician who sees undocumented immigrants. My patients are being kidnapped, oppressed, scared, and deported by ICE. ICE is not making us safer in Maryland; they are arresting more and more people, harassing citizens as well. We should do everything possible to make it difficult to erect detention centers in Maryland, including restricting as much as possible how and where they can be built.

When you are asked in future years what you did to protect all residents of Maryland, you can point to this bill as evidence.

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

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