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TO: Delegate Melissa Wells, Chair
Delegate Kenneth Kerr, Vice Chair
Government, Labor, and Elections Committee Members

FROM: Maryland Legislative Latino Caucus

DATE: 2/10/2026

RE: HB0334 - State Procurement - Constitutional Violations - Prohibited

The MLLC supports HB0334 - State Procurement - Constitutional Violations Prohibited

The MLLC is a bipartisan group of Senators and Delegates committed to supporting legislation that improves the lives of Latinos throughout our state. The MLLC is a crucial voice in the development of public policy that uplifts the Latino community and benefits the state of Maryland. Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to express our support of HB0334.

Immigrant communities across the nation, including within Maryland, have been tremendously impacted by immigration enforcement proceedings. As demonstrated on ICE's website, the Hispanic and Latino community is the primary ethnic group being sprung into these immigration proceedings.¹ A major issue with these immigration enforcement actions has been the unconstitutional overreach performed by the federal government and directed at the states. One way the federal government does this is by building various facilities, including detention facilities, in states with large Hispanic and Latino populations. Such facilities are currently being built in Maryland, further enabling ICE to engage in unconstitutional practices within the State.²

Generally, this bill would help require state procurement officers to require bidders to certify that their proposals do not violate the U.S. Constitution or the Maryland Constitution. Additionally, the bill requires that state procurement officers include a clause requiring contractors to certify they will not violate the U.S. Constitution or the Maryland Constitution. This would benefit the Maryland Latino community by ensuring that state procurement officials do not enter into unconstitutional contracts with federal immigration officials, further enabling unconstitutional federal immigration enforcement efforts. Moreover, it will serve to reinforce Maryland's general support for the constitutional rights afforded by the U.S. Constitution and the Maryland Constitution. This is vital in a time where the federal government is constantly threatening the rights of immigrants, particularly those of Latino and Hispanic individuals.

For these reasons, the Maryland Legislative Latino Caucus respectfully requests a favorable report on HB0334.

¹ [ICE Enforcement and Removal Operations Statistics | ICE](#)

² [Contract proposals show possible increase in ICE presence coming to Baltimore | WYPR](#)