

February 10, 2026

**HB 1017 - Correctional Services - Private Immigration
Detention Facilities - Zoning Requirements - Position
Favorable**

Dear Delegate Wells and Members of the Committee,

I, Cynthia Sokolow, offer testimony in favor of HB 1017.

Over the past year, our immigrant neighbors and friends in Maryland have been terrified to go to work, school or activities outside the home. Establishing a detention center in our state would accelerate this fear and distrust.

We all must do what we can to protect Marylanders from ICE's unlawful arrests of innocent human beings. I respectfully urge you to vote YES on HB 1017.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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