

**SB 0791**

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**Title: Correctional Services and Public Safety- Immigrant Enforcement-  
Prohibitions (Community Trust Act)**

**Judicial Proceedings Committee: Chair: Will Smith & Vice Chair-Jeff Waldstreicher  
Sponsored by Senator Clarence K. Lam**

**This testimony is written in strong support of Senate Bill 0791 (Correctional Services and Public Safety-Immigration Enforcement-Prohibitions).**

I am a 37-year resident of MD and District 11B, and a 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> generation born citizen. I am a husband, parent, grandparent, great-grandparent, Eagle Scout & Silver Beaver Awardee, an original WE ARE CASA Ally, an active member of the Social Justice Action Committee at our local congregation, a long-time naturalist guide at Irvine Nature Center, a past Red Hat volunteer for Habitat for Humanity (9+ years), and an AARP Driver Safety Education Instructor.

I personally thank JPC Chair Will Smith and Senator Lam in recognizing the threat to our democracy and our way of life by taking efforts to protect our immigrant friends and neighbors, and us through this critical period in the life of our State and country.

It is now imperative that a line be drawn between our community & state law enforcement officials and federal immigration enforcement agents. Current events have made such coordination unsustainable. **Informal law enforcement collaboration with ICE agents must stop!!** Our immigrant community members are hard-working, dependable, law abiding, contributing tax payers, and business owners. In short, they are an integral part of the fabric of the strength of Maryland. We must do everything in our legal power that will affirmatively ensure that Maryland **NOT** help Trump i.e. ICE funnel our immigrant friends and neighbors into the deportation pipeline.

**Illegally holding individuals past their scheduled release from local jails for minor misdemeanors is morally unacceptable and just wrong. Extensive case law and our Attorney General have found that honoring ICE detainers without a judicial warrant is illegal and could lead to civil lawsuits.**

It is unfortunate but now necessary to take such legal steps to put in place such measures to help save our country from rapidly moving toward an Autocratic government by **approving SB0791.**