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Dear Members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee,

I am a resident of Calvert County, MD and District 5 I am submitting testimony as a member of Sanctuary Maryland. I am testifying in **support** of **SB0985: Immigration Detention Facilities – Minimum Manitory Standards.**

Requiring the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services to adopt regulations establishing certain minimum mandatory standards governing the care, custody, and conditions of civil detainees in immigration detention facilities; altering certain duties of and prohibitions on the actions of the Maryland Commission on Correctional Standards relating to correctional facilities and immigration detention facilities; etc. Hearing recording. In short, it would require the State of Maryland to enforce minimum health, safety, and other conditions for immigration detention, even that of the Federal Government regardless of the Supremacy Clause. Maryland should ensure safety and legal rights for all its residents!

SB0985 would establish a baseline from which to evaluate the standards for which a private concentration camp can subject detainees. In the long run, this bill protects people, citizens and non-citizens, from mass incarceration facilities run by private entities. These facilities do not have a good track record of humane treatment of the incarcerated, nor do they seem to ensure due process or just outcomes while subjecting people to these harsh conditions. We must not allow sub-humane conditions. It would be best to not allow these huge prisons, larger than most federal prisons, to be opened at all.

It is for these reasons that I am encouraging you to **support SB0985: Immigration Detention Facilities – Minimum Manitory Standards.**

Thank you for your time, service, and consideration.

Sincerely,
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