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**TESTIMONY ON SB0791 – IN SUPPORT**

**Correctional Services and Public Safety – Immigration Enforcement – Prohibitions  
(Community Trust Act)**

**TO:** Chair Senator William C. Smith, Jr., Vice Chair Senator Jeff Waldstreicher, and members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee

**FROM:** Ydelka A. Schrock

My name is Ydelka A. Schrock. I am a resident of Harford County District 34A. I am submitting this testimony in support of SB0791, Correctional Services and Public Safety – Immigration Enforcement – Prohibitions (Community Trust Act), on behalf of Together We Will Harford County Indivisible (TWW). TWW is an inclusive and diverse group of 500 regular members, with over 1,000 followers on social media, working together to create a just community that empowers individuals to participate in our democracy and stand up for social, racial, and economic justice to create a place where all can thrive.

When Maryland legislators signed into law the banning of 287g agreements it agreed with residents that police officers should not function as deputized ICE agents. We as a community value the contributions that are made by both documented and undocumented immigrants. They are the backbone to our society and as a group are significantly less likely to commit crimes when compared to individuals born in the United States.

The banning of 287g agreement throughout Maryland does not entirely ban the practice of collaborating with ICE. If law enforcement officers continue to notify or transfer people into ICE custody, community trust will also continue to erode, making everyone less safe. Maryland needs to draw a clear line between local law enforcement and federal immigration enforcement. Transferring an immigrant into federal custody without a judicial warrant or a valid court order does little to uphold the justice system and the constitution. We must encourage the police to uphold the law and use due process when a criminal act or a civil violation is committed.

A continued collaboration with ICE will only fuel racial profiling, civil rights abuses, and widespread fear in our communities. Immigrants deserve to live without fear and anxiety. Maryland has an obligation to protect the people who reside in this great state, it has no legal obligation to assist ICE agents and continuing additional collaboration will only be a political choice at the expense of public safety.

On behalf of TWW, I respectfully urge this committee to return a favorable report on SB0791.