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Testimony on Senate Bill 791 – Favorable
Correctional Services and Public Safety - Immigration Enforcement - Prohibitions
(Community Trust Act)
Judicial Proceedings Committee
February 25, 2026

Dear Honorable Chair Smith, Vice Chair Waldstreicher, and Members of the Judiciary Proceedings Committee,

My name is Anna Rubin and I live in Columbia, Maryland. I am a composer, an activist in both Jewish and civic organizations. I am chair of the Social Justice Committee at Columbia Jewish Congregation. I am writing in support of SB791 – the Community Trust Act.

My Jewish faith informs my values. Caring for the stranger is emphasized throughout the Hebrew Bible. “Do not do unto others as you would not have them do to you,” is a Talmudic dicta. I care about my immigrant neighbors and community and ICE is terrorizing our county. I want Maryland to stand as an example of resistance and moral values to the rest of the country.

I support SB791 because local jails and law enforcement across Maryland are voluntarily collaborating with ICE - holding people past their release dates and notifying ICE about individuals in custody, all without a judicial warrant. This is unconstitutional, wastes taxpayer dollars, and makes our communities less safe by eroding trust between residents and law enforcement.

This bill simply requires a judicial warrant before anyone is held for ICE and stops local officers from proactively contacting ICE about people in their custody. It does not prevent the federal government from enforcing immigration laws; it just ensures that Maryland is not doing ICE's job for them. For these reasons, I respectfully urge the committee to issue a favorable report on SB791.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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