

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

My name is Amy LaGrange and I am a resident of Calvert County, **Maryland**. I am writing in support of **SB 245 – Public Safety – Immigration Enforcement Agreements – Prohibition**.

I care about this issue as I have valued friends and family who are currently being targeted by Immigration agents. Some of these folks are undocumented while many are documented or even US citizens. My loved ones and those of us who love and value them are frightened. This is not how I wish humans to be treated regardless of their status.

I support **SB 245** because immigration enforcement agreements like 287(g) create fear in immigrant communities and undermine public safety for everyone. When people fear contact with law enforcement, they are less likely to report crimes, seek help, or cooperate as witnesses—even when they are victims.

I have seen profiled people of all statuses concerned to step out of their houses, afraid to drive, go to work, take their children to school. I have seen an absence of these faces in church and stores and the monthly food bank as people fear encounters with immigration agents.

Programs like 287(g) have been associated with racial profiling, discrimination, and wrongful detention. They divert local resources away from protecting communities and instead entangle local agencies in federal deportation efforts that separate families and destabilize Programs neighborhoods.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the committee to issue a **favorable report** on **SB 245**.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Amy LaGrange