

Testimony on Senate Bill – Favorable

SB 245 – Public Safety – Immigration Enforcement Agreements – Prohibition

Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee

January 22, 2026

Dear Honorable Chair Smith and Committee Members,

My name is Nevan McMillian, and I am a **resident of Windsor Mill, Maryland and a student at the University of Maryland**. I am writing in support of **SB 245 – Public Safety – Immigration Enforcement Agreements – Prohibition**.

ICE has been harassing and unjustly using severe force on people nationwide regardless if they're undocumented, a citizen, or a document resident. Numerous people have died from excessive force, abuse, and neglect through ICE actions in detainment and in detention facilities. I am a member of the UMD committee for Human Rights in the Philippines (TerpCHRP) and have worked with the nationwide migrants movement, Tangol Migrante. We have seen the medical neglect of Filipinos like Kuya Gregg and Tita Rebecca who have had severe medical issues under detention and were at significant risk. In the Baltimore Harbor we have been advocating for Filipino Seafarers who have been detained on trumped up charges, though this is Border Patrol I thought it beared mention.

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.

Many of my peers when under distress or threat have called the police to seek help at the bottom of their list and have oftentimes suffered abuse for long periods of time because they feared to even interact with law enforcement.

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 neighborhoods.

As a student at the University of Maryland the UMPD fulfills multiple roles as public servants where they can help with drug related crises, mental health crises, and public safety incidents. ICE would only serve to harm the community and if UMPD were to work with ICE no student, staff, or faculty member would ever feel safe calling UMPD if they are under distress or danger. On UMD's campus' there are numerous organizations and thousands of UMD community members pushing for a sanctuary campus to be implemented, so there is already significant community support in favor of preventing law enforcement in working with ICE.

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

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

I urge Judicial Proceedings to issue a favorable report.

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