

Public Safety - Immigration Enforcement Agreements - Prohibition / SB0245

Official Testimony

Position: **FAVORABLE**

To the Judicial Proceedings Committee,

My name is Keily Pacheco, and I'm a 11th grade student at Baltimore City College and a member of Students Organizing a Multicultural Open Society (SOMOS). I support SB0245, Public Safety - Immigration Enforcement Agreements - Prohibition.

This bill will protect Maryland residents by prohibiting local law enforcement agencies from entering into agreements with federal immigration authorities to enforce immigration laws. It ensures that local police focus on community safety rather than federal immigration enforcement, which helps build trust between immigrant communities and law enforcement.

I believe that passing of this bill is essential because everyone deserves to feel safe in their own neighborhoods, regardless of their immigration status. When local police are involved in immigration enforcement, many families (including my friends and classmates) are afraid to report crimes or find help when they really need it. This fear makes our community less safe for everyone.

I respectfully urge this committee to issue a favorable report on **SB0245, Public Safety - Immigration Enforcement Agreements - Prohibition.**

Sincerely,

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