



**SB791– Correctional Services and Public Safety –
Immigration Enforcement - Prohibitions (Community Trust Act)**

Position: FAVORABLE

February 25, 2026

The Honorable Will Smith, Chair
Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee
2 East Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
cc: Members, Judicial Proceedings Committee

Chair Smith and Members of the Committee,

Economic Action Maryland Fund urges a favorable report on SB791, which builds on the important guardrails this committee established in SB275 by requiring a judicial warrant before anyone is held for ICE, and preventing local officers from contacting ICE about people in their custody.

Through our tenant and older adult direct service programs, Economic Action Maryland Fund serves immigrant clients and communities.

Through our work on medical debt, we saw how immigrant families delayed treatment for medical issues due to fear, and we are concerned families are not receiving services they need due to fear of unlawful detainment and potential deportation.

At its core, SB791 is about upholding Maryland’s values - fairness, dignity, and justice for all. This bill affirms that our state should not undermine public trust or allow individuals to be swept up by federal immigration enforcement without due process. Instead, Maryland should remain focused on community safety, due process, and equal treatment under the law by prohibiting the detainment of individuals without a judicial warrant.

Informal collaboration between local law enforcement and ICE, holding and transferring individuals without a judicial warrant, undermines the most fundamental due process rights that our country was founded on and we urge a favorable report on SB791.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Bevan-Dangel, Deputy Director

Economic Action (formerly the Maryland Consumer Rights Coalition) champions economic rights and housing justice through advocacy, research, consumer education, and direct service. Our 12,500 supporters include consumer advocates, practitioners, and low-income and working families throughout Maryland.

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