

**Testimony on Senate Bill 791 – Favorable  
SB791 – 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 Committee,

My name is Alexandra Estes, and I am a resident of Montgomery County, Maryland. I am writing in support of SB791 – the Community Trust Act.

Every day I am bombarded by stories of the horrible ways ICE is negatively impacting our community and our immigrant neighbors. What is happening here and across the nation goes against everything this country should stand for, and I believe the state of Maryland should be doing all it can to decrease ICE's ability to operate.

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.

I am volunteering with groups that are working to support immigrant families who have been negatively impacted by ICE. Every day I am hearing about families who can't leave their homes for fear of being abducted, they have to rely on strangers to help them get their kids safely to school. No person should have to live like this, and ICE should not be able to operate above the law.

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.

The state of Maryland has a moral obligation to end the cooperation between law enforcement and ICE so that all of our residents are treated fairly, have constitutional rights, and feel safe and protected.

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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