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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.

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.

I do not think that it is wise to work with untrained federal government employees who hide their faces, are allowed to carry and use firearms without restriction, and abuse people unnecessarily in our community.

Law enforcement must not do that, is responsible for documenting its response, and is responsible for identifying themselves.

Families are being hurt that Law Enforcement is commissioned to Serve and Protect. Please do not support kidnapping, removal, disappearances of people in your community.

Please allow Law Enforcement to serve and protect those in our community. Continue to improve our police force to serve the greater good.

This is a time of great injustice. Please, do not let Maryland be a part of it.

Thank you,

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