

Testimony on Senate Bill – Favorable
SB 245 – Public Safety – Immigration Enforcement Agreements – Prohibition

Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee

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Dear Honorable Chair Smith, Vice Chair Waldstreicher, and Members of the Committee,

My name is **Barbara Jarvis**, and I am a **resident of Baltimore City, Maryland**. I am writing in support of **SB 245 – Public Safety – Immigration Enforcement Agreements – Prohibition**.

I support this bill because ICE and the Trump administration have clearly demonstrated that they do not care about our laws or people, that they are vicious and determined, and they are harming people indiscriminately regardless of whether those individuals should be apprehended or not. The mission that they have been given and the methods they have been instructed to use are totally out of proportion to the crimes or illegalities they claim to be preventing. I believe that, if unchecked, ICE's attacks on our cities will only accelerate and become even more inhumane, violent and deadly.

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.

My family personally knows several people who are here legally but who live in fear of being illegally detained and deported. They have taken to carrying papers on them to prove their legality, but we and they still fear for their safety because ICE has shown itself unmoved by legal residency or even citizenship.

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.

Please prohibit such agreements. It is entirely possible to enforce immigration laws in a just and humane way without mobilizing our law enforcement as though we as a city, state, and nation are battling rampant, uncontrolled and blatant crime throughout our streets and countryside. ICE is unnecessarily putting fear into the hearts and minds of legal residents and citizens, unfairly hampering their participation in work, school, medical attention, shopping, travel, and other day-to-day activities. In addition, as clearly and coldly demonstrated by Renee Good's killing (murder, in my opinion), ICE is a danger to all who oppose it.

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

Thank you for your time and consideration.