

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

My name is Amy Huberman, and I'm a resident of Baltimore County, MD. I'm writing in support of **SB 245 – Public Safety – Immigration Enforcement Agreements – Prohibition**.

As the great-granddaughter of Jews who fled pogroms in Belarus and sought asylum in this country; and as the spouse of an immigrant who fled persecution in Russia, I know on a very personal level how vulnerable our immigrant neighbors can feel as they are trying to find safety and build new lives and new communities.

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.

In the past year, I have witnessed how my immigrant friends—including those who are naturalized citizens—are increasingly afraid to leave their homes, even for work, let alone to seek help or have any sort of contact with law enforcement.

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.

Prohibiting agreements like 287(g) would allow our immigrant neighbors, family, and friends to feel much safer, knowing that they can trust local law enforcement to help and protect them when they are the victims of crimes. It would help build an atmosphere of trust and collaboration in our communities, which would make all of us safer.

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

Thank you for your time and consideration.