



Maryland Chiefs of Police Association

Maryland Sheriffs' Association



MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable William C. Smith, Jr., Chair and
Members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee

FROM: Darren Popkin, Executive Director, MCPA-MSA Joint Legislative Committee
Andrea Mansfield, Representative, MCPA-MSA Joint Legislative Committee
Samira Jackson, Representative, MCPA-MSA Joint Legislative Committee

DATE: February 25, 2026

RE: **SB 660 - Public Safety - Law Enforcement - Response to Immigration Enforcement
Actions**

POSITION: **OPPOSE**

The Maryland Chiefs of Police Association (MCPA) and the Maryland Sheriffs' Association (MSA) **OPPOSE SB 660**. This bill requires local law enforcement agencies to respond to and document reports of federal immigration enforcement activity occurring within their jurisdictions, regardless of whether there is a corresponding public safety concern. This mandate places local agencies in the position of monitoring federal civil enforcement actions that are outside the scope of their authority and core mission.

SB 660 would divert personnel and resources away from responding to violent crime, property offenses, traffic safety concerns, and other urgent calls for service. Officers would be required to leave active patrol assignments to observe, record, document, and retain information regarding federal immigration actions that local agencies have no authority to control or direct. In an era of staffing shortages and increasing service demands, mandating this additional layer of oversight is unnecessary and operationally burdensome.

Further, the required documentation and public disclosure obligations create significant administrative strain. Agencies would be compelled to dedicate time and resources to compliance functions that do not enhance crime prevention or community safety. Local law enforcement should remain focused on protecting Maryland communities from criminal activity within their jurisdiction, rather than being tasked with oversight responsibilities over federal enforcement actions.

For these reasons, MCPA and MSA **OPPOSE SB 660** and urge an **UNFAVORABLE** committee report.