

**Testimony on Senate Bill 791 – Favorable  
SB791 – Correctional Services and Public Safety - Immigration Enforcement -  
Prohibitions (Community Trust Act)**

**Judicial Proceedings Committee**

**February 23, 2026**

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

My name is Kaelin Delaney, and I am a resident and homeowner in Upper Marlboro, Maryland. I am writing in support of **SB791 – the Community Trust Act**.

I have seen many of my community members afraid of having interactions with police, including some of my loved ones, because of the racial profiling that has transferred many people into ICE custody, regardless of a criminal history. Many people are afraid to drive on federal roads because federal officials and ICE can stop them on the basis of their skin tone. Knowing that local police could hand them over to ICE too makes leaving the house at all scary. No one should be afraid to leave their house in our state. That makes it impossible to do anything.

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.

When I was community organizing in D.C., I watched community members become more fearful when they heard that police were cooperating with ICE to incarcerate people for no reason. They stopped showing up to pick up food and needed supplies, because going without necessities is better than worrying about your safety. This tacit approval for police to work with ICE increases racial profiling and decreases the safety and security of residents throughout the district. Right now, it is imperative that we act to change this and prevent further federal overreach.

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.

Our community members should not feel afraid when getting pulled over for a traffic stop. They should feel confident that their families will see them that night. But that is not the world we live in right now, and it is increasing fear and distrust in our communities. Please move to separate police work from federal immigration enforcement. Everyone in Maryland deserves this change.

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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