

Testimony of Jane Horvath  
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Regarding SB 660

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this important bill, SB 660. I am Jane Horvath, a 30-year resident of Prince George's County and a member of the Route 1 Corridor Chapter of Indivisible, a national pro-democracy organization. There are about 50 Indivisible chapters in Maryland.

Many chapters are involved in addressing the negative effects of the current federal immigration enforcement. Advocates participate in documenting detentions so that the family can be notified, an attempt can be made to locate where the detainee is taken, resources can be provided to the affected family, and importantly, if possible, that families can be notified that their vehicle is abandoned and where it can be located before it is towed away.

This legislation would provide important back up to residents documenting the abduction of neighbors.

**Top Line Comment:**

The provisions of the bill are robust and can be made more robust if law enforcement is obligated to determine if a vehicle is abandoned as a result of the detention they are observing, at which point law enforcement would access vehicle registration/insurance and use it to locate the family of the detained and let the household know where the vehicle is located. This way, the household may have an opportunity to retrieve the vehicle before it is towed – avoiding impoundment costs the family may not be able to afford. Law enforcement could even relay that information to organized immigrant assistance groups set up to interact with, and assist, immigrant communities and families of the detained.

More generally, our experience in documenting detentions has been that state and local law enforcement are not interested in engaging with ICE agents when there are violations of civil and constitutional rights, or when ICE action threatens public safety. I have met with County Police in Prince George's and they do not feel empowered to address the problems and dangers created by ICE activity. Things will get much worse for all of us if our law enforcement cannot find the means to stand up to ICE now, before things are out of control

detaining immigrants or illegally detaining so-called domestic terrorists (otherwise known as neighbors helping neighbors).

What we have today is the militarization of immigration enforcement – heavily armed, poorly trained, unidentified, high-strung, and thin-skinned agents who seemingly work for the sport of it and have no understanding of the First Amendment. That is why this period in immigration enforcement is so very different than enforcement efforts of the past and why local law enforcement oversight is so critical and SB 660 so important.