

Testimony on Senate Bill 0791 – Favorable
SB0791 – Correctional Services and Public Safety - Immigration Enforcement -
Prohibitions (Community Trust Act)

Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee

February, 23, 2026

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

My name is **Juliet Brown**, and I am a **resident of St. Mary's County**, Maryland. I am writing in support of **SB0791 – the Community Trust Act**.

I support HB1575 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.

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.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the committee to issue a **favorable report on SB791/HB1575**.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Juliet Brown
Resident of St. Mary's County, MD