

Written Testimony in Support of SB0254

As a Maryland resident, I strongly support SB0254, which bans 287(g) agreements and prevents ICE from using local law enforcement as their agents. These agreements undermine community trust and compromise public safety by turning local officers into extensions of federal immigration enforcement. This practice creates fear among residents, discourages cooperation with law enforcement, and makes our neighborhoods less safe.

Moreover, 287(g) agreements represent an alarming level of federal and presidential overreach into local governance. Maryland communities should not be subjected to policies that prioritize political agendas over the well-being of our residents. Local law enforcement should focus on protecting and serving—not enforcing federal immigration mandates that tear families apart and erode public confidence.

Passing SB0254 is essential to safeguard our communities, uphold Maryland's autonomy, and ensure that law enforcement remains accountable to the people they serve. I urge the General Assembly to support this bill and stand for safety, justice, and local control.

With Faith and Hope for our Future,

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