

Testimony on House Bill 1575-Favorable

**HB 1575-Correctional Services and Public Safety-Immigration
Enforcement-Prohibitions (Community Trust Act)**

House Judiciary Committee

February 25, 2026

Dear Honorable Chair Bartlett, Vice Chair Davis, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Deborah Shulman, and I am a resident of Olney, MD. **I am writing in Support of HB-1575-The Community Trust Act.**

I am a Jew who is haunted by what is happening in our country now. We are seeing law enforcement taking people without due process because of their skin color and ethnicity. They are of the mindset that immigrants are criminals. Criminals have more rights than our immigrants.

I fear other groups will be targeted including those who are citizens. What happens to one could happen to all. Due process is for all people, and our constitution is being violated

I support HB 1575 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 communities less safe by eroding trust between resident and law enforcement

I am seeing blatant disregard for human rights, and this must be stopped. My daughter in law is from Guatemala. She is a citizen but could still be targeted because she is darker and has an accent, The 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 doesn't prevent the federal government from enforcing immigration laws; it ensures that Maryland is not doing ICE's job for them.

90% of ICE arrests are people who aren't violent criminal. I do not feel safer in this climate.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the committee to issue a favorable report on HB 1575

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Sincerely,

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