

Testimony on Senate Bill – Favorable
SB 245 – Public Safety – Immigration Enforcement Agreements – Prohibition

Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee

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

My name is Dorian Baldwin-Bott and I am a longtime resident of the town of Berwyn Heights in Prince George's County, **Maryland**. I am writing in support of **SB 245 – Public Safety – Immigration Enforcement Agreements – Prohibition**.

I currently work down the street from Eleanor Roosevelt High in Greenbelt, Maryland where I started attending school twelve years ago this fall. There I took an amazing US History class where again and again I learned the importance of immigrant communities to the progress and growth of our great nation. The importance of respecting our civil liberties was also stressed-- the strength and safety of our communities relies upon it. I support the removal of ICE agents not as a radical new agenda, but as a continuation of a history of liberties fought for from British colonizers, as well as fascistic leaders abroad.

Additionally, I support **SB 245** because immigration enforcement agreements like 287(g) create fear in immigrant communities and undermine public safety for everyone. When people fear contact with law enforcement, they are less likely to report crimes, seek help, or cooperate as witnesses—even when they are victims.

Programs like 287(g) have been associated with racial profiling, discrimination, and wrongful detention. They divert local resources away from protecting communities and instead entangle local agencies in federal deportation efforts that separate families and destabilize neighborhoods.

I have seen through friends and friends of friends the fear and uncertainty that the presence of ICE has represented, and after the horrifying and serious events nationwide I think Maryland as a state has an important duty to its people and its legacy to stand in opposition to the harm that is occurring. We can be an example in standing up for one another in this time.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the committee to issue a **favorable report** on **SB 245**.

Thank you for your time and consideration.