

Dear Chair Smith and members of the JPR Committee,

I am writing in strong support of SB0245. Maryland state and local law enforcement agents should not be used in federal immigration enforcement activities.

Immigration enforcement agencies are operating in an unlawful and careless manner, with their officers trying to meet quotas and receive bonuses for numbers of undocumented immigrants taken. I am sure you are aware that every day throughout Maryland fellow residents are being snatched off streets, disappeared out of state, and deported without due process.

I cannot fully enjoy what District 11 offers if I am afraid of speaking in a public space because I have an accent. We need to feel that our elected officials as well as the civil servants and police officers are there to respect, protect and serve us.

It is necessary for the state we cherish and call home to protect the human rights, community well-being, public health and public safety of its inhabitants. State resources need to focus on local and needed priorities not on civil immigration enforcement.

Thank you,
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