

**Testimony on Senate Bill - Favorable**

**SB 988 - Judicial Facilities - Stops, Detentions, Arrests - Limitations**

**Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee**

**March 12, 2026**

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

I, Cynthia Sokolow of Howard County, MD, am writing to offer favorable testimony in **support of SB 988, Judicial Facilities - Stops, Detentions and Arrests -Limitations.**

Today, immigrants living in the U.S. are unexpectedly detained when already in a facility or reporting to a hearing. In many cases, they have no previous criminal history, and are following the law by appearing before their case manager.

SB 988 will prohibit stops and arrests for a minor offense while in custody, or within a mile of an official center while attending an official proceeding. Anyone who is law abiding should not live in fear that they will not return home.

**I urge you to vote in favor of HB 309. Protect our immigrants!**

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

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