

As a resident concerned about public safety and the rule of law, I strongly oppose Maryland SB0245 (2026), which seeks to prohibit state and local law enforcement from entering into or maintaining immigration enforcement agreements with the federal government. By forcing the termination of existing partnerships, such as 287(g) agreements, this bill undermines the ability of local sheriffs to identify and detain high-risk individuals who are already in custody for other crimes, potentially allowing dangerous offenders to be released back into our neighborhoods. Effective public safety requires seamless cooperation between all levels of government, and this legislation creates an unnecessary barrier that prioritizes political optics over the practical security of Maryland's citizens.

Furthermore, stripping local jurisdictions of their autonomy to cooperate with federal agencies compromises the integrity of our legal system and ignores the vital role these agreements play in maintaining order and ensuring that those who violate our laws are held accountable.

Thanks

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