

Testimony on Senate Bill 791 – Favorable
SB791 – Correctional Services and Public Safety - Immigration Enforcement - Prohibitions
(Community Trust Act)
Judicial Proceedings Committee
February 25, 2026

Dear Honorable Chair Smith, Vice Chair Waldstreicher, and Members of the Committee,
My name is Debbie Shulman, and I am a 31-year resident of Olney, Maryland. I am writing in support of SB791 – the Community Trust Act.

I support SB791 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 our communities less safe by eroding trust between residents and law enforcement. I volunteer with the immigrant community and see every day how awful the current situation is. People are showing up for immigration appointments, court dates and more and being taken. Police officers racially profile people and find reasons to take them to jail and then call ice to take them. There is no due process. Our state and local police should not be a part of this. In reality ICE shouldn't be doing this at all. We do not need to be a party to locking people up and dividing families. This is inhumane!!

This 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 does not prevent the federal government from enforcing immigration laws; it just ensures that Maryland is not doing ICE's job for them.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the committee to issue a favorable report on SB791.
Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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