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 **Sabrina Williams** and I am a **Frederick County, Maryland**. I am writing in support of **SB 245 – Public Safety – Immigration Enforcement Agreements – Prohibition.**

The Maryland I know and love welcomes immigrants and treats them with respect and compassion. The Marland I know respects democracy, truth, and justice. ICE's actions are anything but respectful, compassionate, democratic, truth-seeking, or judicious. All Marylanders deserve to live with dignity and respect from our law enforcement officials and without fear of unnecessary aggression or illegal arrests and detainment

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.

My immigrant neighbors and community live in terror. They minimize trips to spend money in our community (ie, grocery, movies, eating out) due to fear of arrests even if they are documented. They delay or forego medical and dental appointments, keep kids out of school when ICE is active, and often remove their children from extracurriculars. This is a tragedy that no human should have to live with, especially not here in Maryland.

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.

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

Thank you for your time and consideration.