

Testimony: Senate Bill 791 - FAVORABLE  
SB791 Correctional Services and Public Safety - Immigration Enforcement-  
Prohibitions (Community Trust Act)  
Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee

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

The Indivisible chapter, One Million Rising Alliance at Leisure World (OMRALW) supports SB791, the Community Trust Act.

The mission of our One Million Rising Indivisible chapter is to peacefully protect Democracy and resist authoritarianism. We are an alliance of a number of resident organizations in Leisure World Maryland (Silver Spring) who are very concerned about the erosion of civil liberties and human rights.

Many of us know people who are at risk of being taken by ICE, including many of us whose children and grandchildren are adopted and fit the profiles that ICE targets. Residents of Leisure World, including the many who have become U.S. citizens, are fearful because of their accents or skin color.

The risk and fear of so many people will be reduced when SB791 is enacted. Requiring a signed judicial warrant will not interfere with the federal government's enforcement of lawful immigration laws and procedures. Rather, it will insure that local law enforcement does not collude with unlawful procedures by Federal agents. It means that if a person at risk for being identified through profiling will not be taken into custody and then turned over to ICE even when they have not committed a crime or have no criminal record. Requiring a judicial warrant reduces the risks to innocent people by insuring one of the elements of due process: a lawful warrant.

Thank you for you time and consideration of our views.

Sincerely,  
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