

**Testimony on Senate Bill – Favorable**  
**SB 245 – Public Safety – Immigration Enforcement Agreements – Prohibition**

**Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee**

**January 22, 2026**

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

My name is Betsy Krieger and I am a resident of Baltimore City. I am writing in support of SB 245 – Public Safety – Immigration Enforcement Agreements – Prohibition.

I am horrified by the scenes on our streets and the fear being experienced by immigrants, their families and bystanders. If our police are part of this, they will lose their legitimacy and public safety for everyone will be comprised.

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.

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.