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Dear Members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee,

I am a resident of Calvert County, MD and District 5 I am submitting testimony as a member of Sanctuary Maryland. I am testifying in **support** of **SB0984: Correctional Services - Private Immigration Detention Facilities - Zoning Requirement**.

This bill prohibits the State or a unit of local government from approving the use of a building or structure as an immigration detention facility by a private entity unless certain zoning authority applies; establishing a certain penalty for a certain violation; and authorizing the Attorney General to bring a civil action to enforce the Act. In short, it would require the State of Maryland to enforce a ban on property being used for immigration detention that hasn't been zoned for it, attempting to prevent local and state government from cooperating with concentration camp efforts.

SB0984 would prohibit the state and local government from allowing private concentration camps to pop up in warehouses across our great state. In the long run, this bill protects people, citizens and non-citizens, from mass incarceration facilities run by private entities. These facilities do not have a good track record of humane treatment of the incarcerated, nor do they seem to ensure due process or just outcomes while subjecting people to these harsh conditions.

It is for these reasons that I am encouraging you to **support SB0984: Correctional Services - Private Immigration Detention Facilities - Zoning Requirement**

Thank you for your time, service, and consideration.

Sincerely,
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