

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 Alison Grice and I am a resident of Wicomico County, **Maryland**. I am writing in support of **SB 245 – Public Safety – Immigration Enforcement Agreements – Prohibition**.

Since our current administration has been in place, I have seen the worst of humanity demonstrated by Immigration Enforcement. I have witnessed countless videos and written accounts of illegal kidnappings, assaults, deportations, and killings of innocent people seeking asylum, trying to legally become U.S. citizens, and U.S. citizens. Locally, I have seen and heard accounts of hardworking immigrants and their families torn apart in the same ways. I participated in efforts to stop our County Executive and Sheriff from passing a 287(g) agreement in our County, and although it is currently stalled, the ICE efforts continue. None of these immigration enforcement efforts are executed with the goal of seeking out criminals or making our communities safer.

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.

Knowing what has happened to others at the hands of ICE across the country, the local immigrant communities, and people of color in general, are fearing for theirs and their families' safety & lives. They are not more but less likely to speak up and work with law enforcement at this time. A few are willing to stand up against the injustices I speak of, but they are not more likely to trust their local law enforcement. Now that Renee Good has been killed, we all fear for our lives and for what lengths this administration and ICE will go to if theirs efforts remain unchecked.

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.

I also don't believe that if our Democratic representatives try to work with the Republicans on a compromised budget or reform or new training of ICE "agents" that the situation will improve. These individuals are acting with unchecked force, illegally, and without remorse or moral judgment. There is no curbing efforts of or retraining of individuals who have no conscience about what they are doing.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the committee to issue a **favorable report** on **SB 245**.
Thank you for your time and consideration.