

**Testimony on Senate Bill 791 – Favorable  
SB791 – Correctional Services and Public Safety - Immigration Enforcement -  
Prohibitions (Community Trust Act)**

**Judicial Proceedings Committee**

**February 25, 2026**

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

My name is Christina M. Yuan, and I am a resident of Prince George's County, Maryland. I am writing in support of **HB791 – the Community Trust Act**.

As a Prince George' County resident, I have been very disturbed by the behavior of ICE in Hyattsville and Laurel over the past year. Mr. Abrego Garcia, a Hyattsville resident, who mistakenly detained by ICE about a year ago, has been treated abominably by the federal government, which is still trying to "punish" him for their egregious mistakes. In the summer, while trying to detain someone at a busy intersection, an ICE officer pointed a gun at cars that were simply navigating the intersection, and then dropped it in the street, and had to scramble for it. ICE has demonstrated repeatedly that they are incompetent, malign, and uninterested in Constitutional rights and the rule of law. I support HB1575 because local jails and law enforcement across Maryland are still voluntarily collaborating with ICE despite their behavior. Some municipalities are holding people past their release dates and notifying ICE about individuals in custody, without a judicial warrant. This is unconstitutional, wastes taxpayer dollars, and makes our communities less safe by eroding trust between residents and law enforcement.

This bill simply requires a judicial warrant before anyone is held for ICE and stops local officers from proactively contacting ICE about people in their custody. It does not prevent the federal government from enforcing immigration laws; it just ensures that Maryland is not doing ICE's job for them. It also prevents the inevitable mistakes and injustices that occur when immigration detention and enforcement is being carried out by officers that have quotas to meet, and don't care whether the detentions and deportations are just or Constitutional.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the committee to issue a **favorable report on SB791/HB1575**.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

**Christina M. Yuan, Laurel, MD**