

**TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL – IN SUPPORT**

**SB 245 – Public Safety – Immigration Enforcement Agreements – Prohibition**

**Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee**

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**TO:** Chair William C. Smith, Jr., Vice Chair Jeff Waldstreicher, and members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee

My name is **Lucy Buxton** and I am a **resident of Harford County, Maryland**. I am writing in support of SB 245 – Public Safety – Immigration Enforcement Agreements – Prohibition.

**It has been sickening to me to watch the occupation of American cities by ICE. Masked ICE agents have been given carte blanche to terrorize citizens and non-citizens alike in cities whose leadership is Democratic. In Minneapolis the president has been clear that deploying ICE is part and parcel of a revenge and retribution campaign. ICE is not focused on illegal and criminal immigrants. Its role is to terrorize and intimidate Americans whose political views differ from those of the president.**

I support **SB 245** because immigration enforcement agreements like 287(g) legitimize this rogue agency and have been associated with racial profiling, discrimination, and wrongful detention. These agreements divert local resources away from protecting communities. They promote the cruel and unconstitutional deportations and detention of countless innocent people. Enough. This is not an America I recognize.

For these reasons I respectfully urge the committee to issue a favorable report on SB245.

Thank you for your time and consideration.