

SB 984/HB 1017: Correctional Services - Private Immigration Detention Facilities - Zoning Requirement: Please vote to **OPPOSE** this bill.

Dear Judicial Proceedings Committee:

I am writing to respectfully **oppose SB 984/HB 1017**, concerning *Correctional Services – Private Immigration Detention Facilities – Zoning Requirement*.

While land-use planning and zoning oversight are important responsibilities for local governments, this legislation raises concerns about creating additional regulatory barriers that could interfere with lawful federal immigration enforcement operations and related facilities.

Additionally, introducing targeted zoning requirements for a specific type of facility risks setting a precedent for selective regulatory treatment rather than applying consistent land-use standards across comparable facilities. Zoning policies are generally most effective when they are applied uniformly and based on objective planning considerations rather than the nature of the occupants or the federal agency involved.

Maryland should not create policies that could complicate cooperation between different levels of government or introduce uncertainty for facilities operating under federal contracts.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge you to **oppose SB 984/HB 1017**.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration.

Respectfully,

Trudy Tibbals