



**Testimony on Senate Bill 245 – Public Safety – Immigration Enforcement Agreements –
Prohibition**

Position: Favorable

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The Honorable Will Smith, Chair
Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee
2 East, Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
cc: Members, Judicial Proceedings Committee

Chair Smith and Members of the Committee:

Economic Action Maryland Fund is a statewide coalition of individuals and organizations that advances economic rights, equity, and housing justice for Maryland families through research, education, direct service, and advocacy. Our 12,500 supporters include consumer advocates, practitioners, and low-income and working families throughout Maryland.

Economic Action Maryland Fund writes in support of **SB 245 – Public Safety – Immigration Enforcement Agreements – Prohibition**.

Through our tenant and older adult direct service programs, Economic Action Maryland Fund serves immigrant clients and communities.

Through our work on medical debt, we saw how immigrant families delayed treatment for medical issues due to fear and we are concerned families are not receiving services they need due to fear of these agreements that allow counties to partner with immigration enforcement.

At its core, **SB 245** is about upholding Maryland's values - fairness, dignity, and justice for all. This bill affirms that our state should not undermine public trust, or divert state and local resources into federal immigration enforcement. Instead, Maryland should remain focused on community safety, due process, and equal treatment under the law by prohibiting immigration enforcement agreements such as 287(g).

For these reasons, Economic Action Maryland Fund supports SB245 and urges a favorable report.

Best,

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