

**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 Judy McClure, and I am a resident of Salisbury, **Maryland**. I am writing in support of **SB 245 – Public Safety – Immigration Enforcement Agreements – Prohibition**.

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.

Here in Salisbury we have unfortunately seen first-hand how ICE activities are devastating families and members of our community. I have personally witnessed ICE activity at a construction site that is right across from where I live. Beautiful new townhomes are being built here to supply our area with much needed housing, and we have enjoyed watching many hard-working members of the Hispanic community contribute in this effort. More than once, ICE has tainted that beautiful site with their brutal pursuit of these hard-working, non-criminal residents who are only guilty of wanting a better life. Support of local law enforcement in these efforts would send a terrible message to our immigrants and make them feel even further isolated.

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.

Many local businesses, such as Perdue, have encouraged immigrants to become part of their workforce, and churches have aided in the effort to help them make a home here. Having our local law enforcement then undermine these humanitarian actions would send devastating ripples across our community.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the committee to issue a **favorable report** on **SB 245**.

Thank you for your time and consideration.