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SB0985

Correctional Services-Immigration Detention Facilities-Minimum Mandatory Standards

Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee

Position: **FAVORABLE**

I am a resident of St. Mary's County. I strongly urge the committee to pass SB1018. This bill helps to regulate the minimum standards for detention centers in the state of Maryland. Human rights abuses have been reported at various detention facilities, including overcrowding, limited or no access to medical care, inadequate ventilation and temperature control, lack of access to clean water, and poor sanitation. Detainees deserve to receive humane treatment and we need adequate safeguards to ensure that these standards are met.

Respectfully submitted,  
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