

Position: Favorable (support)
Committee: Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee
Hearing Date: March 12, 2016

Dear Chair Smith and members of this committee,
My name is Deborah Shulman, and I am a 32-year resident of Olney, MD. I am asking you to support SB0985 and give a Favorable report.

Right now, Washington County is allowing ICE to convert a warehouse to a Detention Facility

If we can't stop this process, we should have minimum standards for such facilities

This bill sets minimum standards for safety

It ensures much needed accountability

It empowers State oversight

It provides an Enforcement mechanism

It protects Local Resources

Our federal government is making these facilities deplorable for a reason
They want to force people to self deport and this is one means of doing so

Before this is allowed to happen here, we must have safeguards in place

Honestly, I do not believe they should be detaining people who aren't violent criminals
The money being spent on this while our government is not doing what people really need is awful. This has nothing to do with crime or public safety

Please vote favorably for Human Rights, Accountability and allow this bill to go to the full Senate for a vote

Sincerely,
Deborah Shulman
Olney, MD