

Testimony on Senate Bill 245 – Favorable

SB 245 – Public Safety – Immigration Enforcement Agreements – Prohibition

Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee

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Dear Chair Smith, Vice Chair Waldstreicher, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Annette Breiling, and I am a resident of Frederick County, MD. I write in support of **SB 245 – Public Safety – Immigration Enforcement Agreements – Prohibition.**

I am concerned for the well-being of our immigrant community, many of whom are undocumented through no fault of their own due to a system that routinely blocks “legal” access to immigration.

Our sheriff in Frederick County insists that 287g makes our county safer, but a check on research says the opposite. While crime reduction has occurred in our county, **still greater crime reduction rates, over a comparable time interval, have occurred in neighboring Montgomery and Prince George’s County where 287g was not in place. Even a study by the conservative Heritage Foundation could not show evidence that the practice of 287g led to reduced crime compared to jurisdictions without 287g.**

I support **SB 245** because I feel so bad for the fear this legislation imposes on our immigrant community – fear to leave homes for even such simple actions as grocery shopping.

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.

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

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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