

Bill Number SB0245 - Public Safety-Immigration Enforcement Agreements-Prohibition

Position: Favorable

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We have opposed the 287(g) agreement held by Sheriff Chuck Jenkins since we moved to Frederick, Maryland in 2014. Sheriff Jenkins has been sued twice for racially profiling immigrants in Frederick County. He has consistently misrepresented documented facts about our immigrant communities, including that Maryland counties *without* 287g agreements have had greater drops in crime rates than counties *with* 287(g) agreements. What keeps getting buried in our discussions is that as a demographic group, immigrants are the most law-abiding people of all.

We agree with Senate President Bill Ferguson's statement that "ICE and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security are operating with impunity, violating constitutional rights of American citizens and immigrants alike. For our law enforcement agencies to maintain the public trust, they cannot aid and abet that lawlessness." (Instagram, November 14, 2025)

We urge you to vote in favor of SB0245 for the safety and well-being of all Maryland residents.