

Testimony on Senate Bill – Favorable  
SB 245 – Public Safety – Immigration Enforcement  
Agreements – Prohibition

Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee

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

My name is Lana Foley and I am a resident of Salisbury, Maryland. I am writing in support of SB 245 – Public Safety – Immigration Enforcement Agreements – Prohibition.

I am in support of banning 287(g) from Maryland because I feel that ICE has been able to do their jobs without support of local tax payer funded law officers/resources for years and years. I don't think we should take on the the financial or potential legal liability in our state for the lawless behavior that the current ICE officers are using. We don't want it in Maryland at all but if this is our only option we are in support of banning 287(g).

I had a woman swarmed and stolen by ICE in front of my house days before Christmas. She had just dropped of her child at our elementary school. If we had been late that morning OUR child would have witness the entire car being swarmed by masked agents that smashed out the window of a woman that was only 4'10" tall. The insanity of tactics they are using is not acceptable and I don't want to help them in our community since they clearly blur boundaries.

ICE should be under MORE regulations vs. allowing them a candy store of humans in our booking/jails/courts.

Another friend was stolen from her job when her 15 year old child was DYING. She begged and we begged for her to be able to be released to

be with him. He died the day after she was stolen. We are trying to get her home for his service now. These people are not criminals and they are only considered criminals because of our national leadership. The definition of criminal shouldn't be able to be changed just because someone doesn't like having black and brown residents in our country. We invited and hosted SO many of them to be here. Its wrong for us to be doing this to human beings that work so hard for this country.

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

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

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Lana Foley