

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 Julio Miguel Alumbro, and I am a resident of Middle River of Baltimore County, Maryland. I am writing in support of **SB 245 – Public Safety – Immigration Enforcement Agreements – Prohibition**.

My family has immigrated from the Philippines to secure a life in Baltimore for nearly twenty years, and are privileged to have acquired citizenship just a few years ago. We care deeply about the just processes immigrants undergo in their stay in the United States and the prevention of any threats to fair opportunity.

It is why I support **SB 245** because immigration enforcement agreements like 287(g) create fear in immigrant communities and undermine public safety for everyone. When people fear contact with law enforcement, they are less likely to report crimes, seek help, or cooperate as witnesses—even when they are victims.

Recent events have displayed increased aggression on public safety by Immigration and Customs Enforcement. The cooperation of ICE and law enforcement increases the threat to families like mine to live outside with dignity.

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. Inhibiting policies like 287(g) ensures fair protections by maintaining the function of local law enforcement separate from Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

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

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Julio Miguel Alumbro