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TESTIMONY ON SB791 - FAVORABLE

**SB791 – Correctional Services and Public Safety – Immigration Enforcement – Prohibitions
(Community Trust Act)**

Judicial Proceedings Committee

February 22, 2026

TO: Chair Smith, Vice Chair Waldstreicher, and Members of the Committee,

My name is **Susannah Feldman**. I am a **resident of District 12A**. I am submitting this testimony in support of **SB791 – the Community Trust Act**.

I am a member of the Columbia Jewish Congregation. A central tenet of my Jewish faith is to ‘Welcome the Stranger’. This commandment speaks to me in a very personal way, as I am the daughter of two refugees from Nazi Austria who were lucky enough to escape the rounding-up and slaughter that many of their less fortunate family members suffered. They became productive, upstanding American citizens who repeatedly expressed their gratitude to this country for giving them a second lease on life. It pains me greatly to see the indiscriminate, lawless, and brutal actions of ICE and CBP officials as they round up and imprison masses of immigrants – many of whom are law-abiding, productive members of their communities on a legal path to citizenship.

Bill SB791 would assure that Maryland officials don’t collaborate with these reprehensible actions of ICE and CPB, and thus would improve trust, safety, and fairness for all residents of our communities. The bill simply requires a judicial warrant to hold anyone for ICE and bars local officials from proactively contacting ICE about anyone in their custody. It does not in any way interfere with enforcement of immigration laws by federal officials.

Please make our communities safer for all of us by assuring that our local officials are not doing the job of ICE for them. **I respectfully urge this committee to return a favorable report on SB791.**

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
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