

**Testimony on Senate Bill – Favorable**  
**SB 245 – Public Safety – Immigration Enforcement Agreements – Prohibition**  
**Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee**

**January 22, 2026**

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

My name is Carolyn Mitchell, and I am a resident of Annapolis, Maryland. I am writing in support of **SB 245 – Public Safety – Immigration Enforcement Agreements – Prohibition**.

I support **SB 245** because the conduct of Immigration and Customs Enforcement is lawless and local resources should not be involved. Collaboration with ICE is immoral: there is nothing about the current administration's approach to ICE that is legitimate. When the regime is past history the lawsuits will begin. The legal exposure of all collaborators will be significant – Maryland should not expose itself to this risk by collaborating with this administration to violate the rights of human beings on American soil who are protected by the United States Constitution. Like everyone else in this country who is not one of the indigenous tribes of America, I am from a line of immigrants and the hatred directed at the most recent immigrants is an outrage that cannot be tolerated much less abetted.

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.

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

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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