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TESTIMONY ON SB#0245 - POSITION: (FAVORABLE)
Public Safety - Immigration Enforcement Agreements - Prohibition

TO: Chair Smith, Vice Chair Waldstreicher, and members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee

FROM: Anna Tubiash Levy

My name is Anna Tubiash Levy. I am a resident of District 16. I am submitting this testimony in support of SB#0245, Public Safety - Immigration Enforcement Agreements - Prohibition.

I am a resident of Montgomery County and celebrate the diversity of cultures that make our community a wonderful place to live. I am a member of Tikvat Israel Congregation in Rockville, Jews United for Justice, SEA Change and Action in Montgomery. My Jewish values and traditions include respect for every human being and support and caring for all members of our community. Each one of us, no matter where we were born, is critical to providing the services and substance of a healthy and welcoming community. I believe that it is immoral to tear apart families and to generate fear amongst those who live, work, and visit in our communities.

My grandparents came to the United States from Eastern Europe, fleeing oppression and poverty. As do the immigrants today, they wanted to raise my parents in a place of safety and opportunity. Our homes, schools, places of worship and public spaces must be accessible and safe for everyone, protected from warrantless discrimination.

This bill will separate the work of our local and state law enforcement officers from that of federal immigration agents. These agents are targeting people in our communities through racial profiling, depriving them of their legal rights and detaining them, some unlawfully. Collaboration of our local law enforcement in such activities undermines community trust in those meant to protect us. Each of us should be able to report crimes without the threat of deportation, protecting all of our community and allowing our local law enforcement officers to do their job and not that of ICE.

I respectfully urge this committee to return a favorable report on SB#0245.