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SB #0245   **FAVORABLE**

Title: Public Safety- Immigration Enforcement Agreements-Prohibition

Chair, Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee, William C. Smith, Jr.

Sponsored by: Senators, Smith, Ferguson, and Lewis Young

   This testimony is written in [strong support](#) of Senate Bill #0245, Public Safety-Immigration Enforcement Agreements-Probation.

   My name is Miner L. (Moe) Brown, a 37-year resident of MD & District 11B. I am a parent, grandparent, great-grandparent, Eagle Scout, Silver Beaver Awardee, 1st Life Time Achievement Awardee from Irvine Nature Center, a Red Hat for Habitat for Humanity in Baltimore (9 ½ yrs.), an original CASA Ally, and an active member of the Social Justice Committee at our local congregation.

   We are all aware of the 287(g) agreements that have grown in number this year as some local sheriffs have demanded to collaborate with the diabolical actions of our National "leadership."

   Some current facts: ICE doesn't pay for 287(G) enforcement. In Maryland counties cover all staffing costs and at least one county, Frederick, has settled costly lawsuits over their unlawful hold and due process violations. In Maryland, from 2016-to 2023, 92% of the 287(g) detainers were for people with no criminal conviction or only the least serious "level 3" conviction. Nationally, over 3/4ths of all 287 (g) detainers were for people with no criminal convictions.

   Our racially diverse immigrant friends and neighbors and even American citizens are illegally and unconstitutionally under attack by ICE. In most instances, they are initially met by masked, unidentified men and women using unnecessary force who come at them, in numbers, from unmarked vans and black cars. These immigrant friends, neighbors, and co-workers are being inhumanely handled, arrested, detained, immediately separated from family, deported, and even killed with no regard for their rights as human-beings. This cannot continue to be allowed! Thank you for beginning steps to pass and implement this new law as soon as possible.