

To the Judicial Proceedings Committee,

My name is Kiko McGowan and I'm Baltimore resident and a member of District 43A. I support SB0245, Public Safety - Immigration Enforcement Agreements - Prohibition.

This bill will protect all people in the United States.

I believe that passing of this bill is essential because simply based in theory, ICE and local police do not have the same goals. Also, both ICE and local police forces continuously fall short of actually protecting and helping people due to lack of proper training, lack of humanity and quite frankly, the rotten foundation both are built on. ICE needs to be out of our cities. Police force needs to be abolished or completely restructures and those community members serving in the police force must engage with their fellows, human to human, to effect change for the better. Both police and ICE are well known to dehumanize people. There is still time for those "serving" in these forces of cruelty to humanize themselves and treat others as such. I cannot see that happening as they work together.

We must meet another human to human. As an immigrant from Ukraine who has lived all 32 years of my life here since 16 days old, and also as a transgender individual; both of these powers that be do nothing but terrify me, even in theory. We must return to our humanity. There is still time to change but not much. By passing this bill, it will create more time and space for justice to be served to all people.

I respectfully urge this committee to issue a favorable report on SB0245, Public Safety - Immigration Enforcement Agreements - Prohibition.

Sincerely,

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