



Testimony on **SB 245**

Public Safety – Immigration Enforcement Agreements – Prohibition **Position: FAV**

To Chair Smith and Members of the Senate Judicial Proceeding Committee,

My name is Ricarra Jones and I am the Political Director for 1199SEIU United Healthcare Workers East, Maryland/DC. We are the largest healthcare workers union in the nation, representing 10,000 members in our region. Our union supports SB245 and urges the Committee to issue a **favorable** report.

When passed, this bill will prohibit 287g agreements that enable local law enforcement to act on behalf of federal immigration agents. Marylanders will be better served and more safe when our state and local resources are dedicated towards expanding access care and building strong communities, not diverted to do ICE's bidding at the behest of a federal regime that does not value due process.

Please vote YES on this legislation. Thank you.

In Unity,

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