

**Testimony on Senate Bill 791 – Favorable
SB791 – Correctional Services and Public Safety - Immigration Enforcement - Prohibitions
(Community Trust Act)**

Judicial Proceedings Committee

February 25, 2026

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

My name is Valerie Hodge-Williams, and I am a resident of Garrett County, Maryland. I am writing in support of **SB791 – the Community Trust Act**.

I commend this committee and the Maryland Legislator on the recent emergency ban of 287g agreements. Unfortunately, local jails and law enforcement continue to voluntarily collaborate with ICE by notifying ICE about individuals in custody and holding them beyond their release dates without a judicial warrant. This is unconstitutional, wastes taxpayer dollars, and makes our communities less safe by eroding trust between residents and law enforcement.

SB791 ensures that the recently enacted 287g ban isn't undermined. In order to protect constitutional rights, a judicial warrant should be required before anyone is held locally for ICE. Local law enforcement should not proactively contact ICE about people in their custody.

I respectfully urge the committee to issue a **favorable report on SB791**. Thank you for your time and consideration.