

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

Judicial Proceedings Committee

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

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

Just Thursday, after Governor Moore signed SB234, my County Sheriff's Office released a letter stating, **"In response to the legislative change, I have established internal guidelines within our Detention Center to ensure we continue to coordinate with ICE as appropriate when situations involving individuals of interest arise."** (letter at <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/188ufJNUty/>)

It is so very concerning, disheartening, that the back and forth continues, the blaming and shifting of responsibility. Who are we protecting? Who are "individuals of interest?" Federal overreach and unconstitutional practices allow for ICE to racially profile anyone, and put everyone at risk. My daughter is African American—her Senegalese father was actually deported by Trump in his last administration. My daughter was born in Washington, DC. She's now a teenager with brown skin and I worry that despite now living in this relatively rural and "safe" area (Accident, MD) that she is at risk of being the target of ICE activity.

To protect as many immigrant and minority Marylanders as possible—including my daughter— from this administration's campaign of terror, ***we must stop colluding with ICE's paramilitary force***, something my local government is not willing to do on its own accord. Maryland doesn't have a legal obligation to assist ICE in immigration enforcement, which is a federal responsibility and already funded at an unprecedented level. Continued voluntary collaboration is a political choice that wastes Maryland taxpayer dollars and makes our communities less safe.

This bill does not prevent the federal government from enforcing immigration laws; it just ensures that Maryland is not doing ICE's job for them.

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

Sincerely,

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