

**Testimony in Opposition SB 245 – Public Safety – Immigration Enforcement Agreements – Prohibition for your consideration on January 22, 2026**

Dear Members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee,

I respectfully urge you to oppose **SB 245 – Public Safety – Immigration Enforcement Agreements – Prohibition**. Please support the federal **287(g) program** and do not prohibit or terminate immigration enforcement agreements with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). These agreements are an important public safety tool that allow state and local law enforcement to cooperate with federal authorities when they have lawful custody of criminal illegal aliens detained in Maryland.

Over the years, the legislature and the Governor have made Maryland a sanctuary state and seemingly aligned itself with criminals all the while seeking to limit citizens' rights to carry firearms for protection. And now, SB 245 attempts to make us less safe by prohibiting state and local law enforcement and cooperation with ICE.

One of the purposes of state and local government is to help ensure the safety of its citizens. To the members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee, why are you doing this?

For these reasons, I strongly urge you to oppose SB 245 and to support continued cooperation with federal immigration enforcement through programs such as 287(g).

Sincerely,

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