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**TESTIMONY ON SB0245 – IN SUPPORT**

**Public Safety – Immigration Enforcement Agreement – Prohibition**

**TO:** Chair William C. Smith, Jr., Vice Chair Jeff Waldstreicher, and members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee

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My name is Ydelka A. Schrock. I am a resident of Harford County District 34A. I am submitting this testimony in support of SB0245, Public Safety – Immigration Enforcement Agreement – Prohibition, on behalf of Together We Will Harford County Indivisible (TWW). TWW is an inclusive and diverse group of 500 regular members, with over 1,000 followers on social media, working together to create a just community that empowers individuals to participate in our democracy and stand up for social, racial, and economic justice to create a place where all can thrive.

The United States was built in part by the energy and ingenuity that immigrants brought with them when they settle in this country. We as a community value the contributions that are made by both documented and undocumented immigrants. They are the backbone to our society.

Despite evidence that the 287g agreement undermines public safety, and that States who used them incur little benefit even in terms of reimbursement, some Maryland Counties continue to uphold this dangerous program, which prioritizes deportations over community trust. The 287g agreement was first implemented in 2002, through the Homeland Security Act passed by congress in the same year, in response to 9/11. The Harford County Sheriff's Office signed its 287g agreement on October 26, 2016, without needing the approval or consent of the County Council. County residents continue to be unaware of the additional expenses incurred by the implementation of the program that goes beyond what is provided by ICE. And in addition, the 287g Unit has not updated its immigration enforcement screening statistics since 2022. Many Harford County residents oppose this program. This agreement was generated out of fear, and has metastasized to cruelty against our immigrant friends, neighbors, and family, despite the contributions they have made to this country.

By deputizing local law enforcement to function as ICE agents, our government is fueling racial profiling, civil rights abuses, and widespread fear in our communities. These immigrants are our friends, neighbors, and family members. They deserve to live without the anxiety and fear of being persecuted by this administration.

On behalf of TWW, I respectfully urge this committee to return a favorable report on SB0245.