

Testimony on Senate Bill – Favorable
SB 245 – Public Safety – Immigration Enforcement Agreements – Prohibition

Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee

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

My name is Alexandra Duprey, and I am a resident of Baltimore City, Maryland. I am writing in support of **SB 245 – Public Safety – Immigration Enforcement Agreements – Prohibition**.

I am deeply concerned by the violence ICE is carrying out across the country, including the violence towards lawful residents and citizens. The recent shooting of unarmed mother Renee Nicole Good in Minnesota is a clear example of the violence ICE is committing. I want my neighbors in Baltimore to feel safe going to school, going to work, being part of the city. I do not want me or my neighbors to live in fear of abuse and harm at the hands of ICE.

By prohibiting local government cooperation with ICE, Maryland state senators can lead the charge in pushing back against this violence.

I support **SB 245** because immigration enforcement agreements like 287(g) create fear in immigrant communities and undermine public safety for everyone. When people fear contact with law enforcement, they are less likely to report crimes, seek help, or cooperate as witnesses—even when they are victims.

As a Marylander, I am scared. I am scared of how my neighbors are being racially profiled, I am scared of my community being the victim of ICE violence like in Minneapolis, I am scared of seeing the armed and masked ICE officers out on my street, and, most of all, I am scared of the lack of accountability there is for them to treat people with respect and care.

Programs like 287(g) have been associated with racial profiling, discrimination, and wrongful detention. They divert local resources away from protecting communities and instead entangle local agencies in federal deportation efforts that separate families and destabilize neighborhoods.

By prohibiting local government cooperation with ICE, state senators can show their communities that they care about their safety and well-being during a time of great historical injustice. We **MUST** take care of our neighbors.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the committee to issue a **favorable report** on **SB 245**.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Alexandra Duprey