

**Testimony to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee**  
**SB 660 : Public Safety – Law Enforcement – Response to Immigration Enforcement Actions**  
**Position: Favorable**

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The Honorable William C. Smith, Jr., Chair  
Judicial Proceedings Committee  
2 East, Miller Senate Office Building  
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cc: Members, Judicial Proceedings Committee

Chair Smith and Members of the Committee:

My name is Jordy Diaz and I am a resident of District 16 in Chevy Chase. As the son of Honduran immigrants I am focused on the practical reality of how our state laws are enforced. I am submitting this testimony in support of SB 660 because it replaces administrative trust with verified data.

The current system allows federal agencies to conduct high risk operations in Maryland neighborhoods without any independent state record. This is a failure of oversight. If a federal agent uses force on a Maryland street the state currently has no independent proof of the warrants they held or the tactics they used. SB 660 fixes this flaw. It requires local officers to record these events and file a structural report. This ensures that the state of Maryland maintains its own verified record of police activity within its borders.

Opponents of this bill claim that observing federal actions is an unnecessary task for local police. This is a poor assessment of operational risk. In any other field like construction or medicine an independent observer is a standard requirement to ensure the system does not fail. Policing should be no different. By requiring a state audit through body camera footage and reporting SB 660 protects the state from the legal and financial risks that occur when there is no objective record of federal conduct.

The fiscal note for this bill mentions costs for storing video for four months and reports for four years. These are minor administrative expenses compared to the cost of a single unrecorded civil rights violation. Collecting this data is a basic requirement for fiscal responsibility. Maryland should not have to rely on federal agencies to report on what happens in our own neighborhoods.

SB 660 is a necessary structural fix that ensures Maryland has the information it needs to manage its own public safety environment. I urge a favorable report.

Sincerely,

Jordy Diaz

