

Testimony on House Bill 1575 – Favorable
HB1575 – Correctional Services and Public Safety - Immigration Enforcement -
Prohibitions (Community Trust Act)

House Judiciary Committee

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Dear Honorable Chair Bartlett, Vice Chair Davis, and Members of the Committee,

My name is **Adam Levin**, and I am a **community member of Baltimore County**, Maryland. I am writing in support of **HB1575 – the Community Trust Act**.

This bill is important to me because of my personal values, including empathy, kindness, and justice. It is important to me that people do not have to live in fear of what actions may be taken against them even if they have done nothing legally improper.

I support HB1575 because local jails and law enforcement across Maryland are voluntarily collaborating with ICE - holding people past their release dates and notifying ICE about individuals in custody, all without a judicial warrant. This is unconstitutional, wastes taxpayer dollars, and makes our communities less safe by eroding trust between residents and law enforcement.

Fear of ICE enforcement and possible encroachment on rights and people's lives has had an undeniable impact on both my life and other's lives. Even among those of us who have engaged in documented immigration and are citizens who were born in the U.S., the knowledge that ICE is potentially active in our communities and that Maryland law enforcement may be assisting them can contribute to emotional exhaustion and collective anxiety.

This bill simply requires a judicial warrant before anyone is held for ICE and stops local officers from proactively contacting ICE about people in their custody. It does not prevent the federal government from enforcing immigration laws; it just ensures that Maryland is not doing ICE's job for them.

Ending this collaboration would make me and, presumably other members of my community, much more comfortable with local law enforcement and less concerned about unethical actions being taken.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the committee to issue a **favorable report on SB791/HB1575**.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Adam Levin