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**TESTIMONY ON HB 444 - POSITION: FAVORABLE**  
**PUBLIC SAFETY-IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT**  
**AGREEMENTS-PROHIBITION**

**TO:** Chair Bartlett, Vice Chair Davis, and members of the Judiciary Committee

**FROM:** Sherry Glazer

**My name is Sherry Glazer. I am a resident of District 16 and am submitting this testimony in support of HB 444.**

I am a retired lawyer and believe that immigration enforcement must be conducted in a lawful manner that is consistent with the US Constitution. I am also mindful of the Biblical injunction against harming the Stranger. This moral precept should guide all of us, regardless of our religious creed or lack of one. It requires all of us, including our elected officials, to refrain from aiding the Trump administration's vile deportation machine.

HB 444 proposes to ban all Maryland counties from entering into formal contracts with the federal government under a provision in federal immigration law. These contracts would deputize police and correctional workers as arms of ICE. We must not let this happen. While the administration's stated purpose is to root out "the worst of the worst", in practice the results have been quite the opposite. Indeed, it seems clear that the Administration's purpose is to root out black and brown residents and Spanish-speaking residents, such as Maryland's own Kilmar Abrego Garcia. Were we to collaborate with Trump's ICE, we in Maryland would be complicit with the Administration's unconstitutional and racist tactics.

I have lived in Montgomery County for over 30 years and raised a family here. My children (now adults) attended Montgomery County public schools, received a fine education among a very diverse student body, and developed relationships with persons from a variety of backgrounds. I too have benefited from and enjoyed numerous activities as a result of the amazing multi-cultural community in which I have lived. It is painful to see ICE intimidating whole communities, separating families, and, in the most extreme cases, using violence against peaceful residents.

**I respectfully urge this committee to return a favorable report on HB 444.**