

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

My name is Linda Girdner and I live in Gambrills, MD. I strongly urge you to vote **UNfavorable on HB0719** Public Safety – Immigration Enforcement – Prohibition Against Sanctuary Policies.

First, it is not about public safety. Immigrants commit fewer crimes than American citizens. It harms public safety when people fear to go to law enforcement to report crime.

Second, immigration enforcement cannot and should not be accomplished by having unidentified masked men rounding people up off the street without due process and detaining them in warehouses or prisons. ICE is coming in bigger numbers to Maryland and already planning their concentration camps. What side of history do you want to be on?

Third, to prohibit sanctuary policies is to undo or impede the good work to protect the excesses of the federal government's actions against our immigrant neighbors.

Finally, as a Christian, it truly baffles me that anyone who would call themselves a Christian would be willing to support such a bill.

For these reasons, I urge you to vote **UNfavorable on HB0719** Public Safety – Immigration Enforcement – Prohibition Against Sanctuary Policies.

Thank you for your consideration.

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