

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,

I am writing in support of **HB1575 – the Community Trust Act**.

I support HB1575 because local jails and law enforcement across Maryland must stop 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**. The state should not be abetting federal over-reach in law enforcement. It is a waste of taxpayer dollars, and makes our communities less safe by eroding trust between residents and law enforcement.

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 participating in turning ICE into a lawless force for terror and oppression.

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

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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