

**Testimony on HB1575 – Favorable
Community Trust Act
House Judiciary Committee
February 25, 2026**

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

My name is Marcia Greenberg, and I live in Lexington Park in St Mary's County. I am writing in support of HB 1575, the Community Trust Act.

I support this bill because local jails and law enforcement have been collaborating with ICE – holding people past their release dates and notifying ICE about individuals in custody. This is being done without judicial warrants. It is violating due process rights. It is wasting taxpayer dollars. And all the while, it is making us all LESS safe as it undermines trust between citizens and local law enforcement.

I have been trained as a lawyer. Back in the 1980s, we thought that both the US Constitution and our federal government were bulwarks to protect our rights. We believed that our first, fourth and fifth amendment rights were sacrosanct. In recent months, however, we have seen that the ICE and CBP agents do not care about complying with the law. We find that they are violating the rights of individuals who have not been accused of any criminal conduct – nor protected by simple due process protections.

At the same time, I live in a rural county where we count on our Sheriff and his team to keep us safe. That means that they should be spending limited financial resources and time on protecting us – not on reporting on, pursuing or tending to individuals with NO criminal record. It means that our community must be able to report potential criminal activity to help keep us safe – and not be fearful that follow-up could result in the apprehension and abduction of innocent family or neighbors.

This bill is quite simple and reasonable: It requires that federal agents obtain a judicial warrant, and that local law enforcement see such a warrant, before anyone is held for ICE. To be clear: It does NOT prevent the federal government from enforcing immigration laws – as long as the federal government respects the Constitution and due process.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge you to issue a favorable report on HB 1575.

Thank you,
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