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The Honorable Delegate J. Sandy Bartlett
101 Taylor House Office Building
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**SPONSOR TESTIMONY- HB0725 Public Safety - Correctional Services - Immigration
Enforcement - Required Notice and Transfer**

Dear Chair Bartlett, vice chair Davis and members of the House Judiciary Committee,

HB0725 would require an employee or agent of a State or local correctional facility, if requested by federal immigration authorities, to provide notice of the release of an individual at least forty-eight hours prior to the release and to transfer the individual to federal immigration authorities.

Additionally, the legislation mandates that correctional facilities facilitate the transfer of these individuals to federal immigration authorities upon their release. To ensure the protection of due process and civil liberties, the bill explicitly provides that these transfers must not extend an individual's time in custody beyond their originally scheduled release date.

HB0725 also ensures fair efficiency between state and federal jurisdiction, providing for the orderly transfer of individuals without increasing the time of custody beyond the individual's scheduled release.

For these reasons, I urge a favorable report for HB 0725 to restore critical safety partnerships and ensure uniform enforcement of the law.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lauren C. Arikan".

Delegate Lauren C. Arikan