

---

**ROBERT G. CASSILLY**  
Harford County Executive



**ROBERT S. McCORD**  
Director of Administration

---

March 2, 2026

The Honorable J. Sandy Bartlett  
Chair, House Judiciary Committee  
100 Taylor House Office Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: Letter of Support – House Bill 719 – Public Safety – Immigration Enforcement – Prohibition  
Against Sanctuary Policies

Dear Chairwoman Bartlett and Committee Members,

On behalf of the citizens of Harford County, I write to express strong support for House Bill 719.

Public safety must remain the foremost responsibility of every level of government. Policies that restrict cooperation between local law enforcement and federal immigration authorities, commonly referred to as “sanctuary” policies, undermine that responsibility and create unnecessary risk within our communities.

When individuals who have committed serious criminal offenses are not appropriately identified, detained, or transferred to federal authorities due to policy restrictions, it creates gaps in enforcement that can have tragic consequences. Harford County has experienced the devastating impact of violent crimes committed by individuals who, had full intergovernmental cooperation been in place across jurisdictions, may not have remained at large. These high-profile tragedies serve as painful reminders that public safety systems must work together, not in isolation.

HB 719 ensures that Maryland’s state and local governments cannot adopt policies that prohibit or limit cooperation with federal immigration enforcement agencies. This bill does not compel local law enforcement to perform federal immigration functions; rather, it ensures that local authorities are not barred from communicating, coordinating, and cooperating when appropriate.

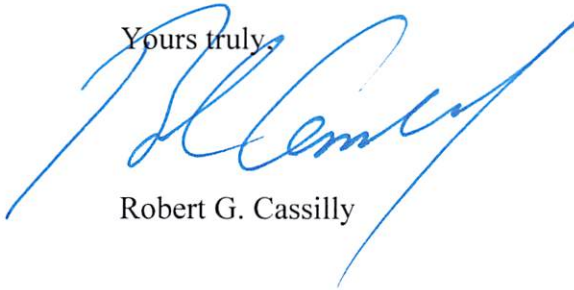
Law enforcement agencies rely on partnerships, across municipal, county, state, and federal lines. Criminal activity does not stop at jurisdictional boundaries. Information sharing and coordinated enforcement are essential tools in preventing violent crime and protecting innocent residents.

The Honorable Sandy Bartlett  
House Bill 719 Support Letter  
March 2, 2026  
Page 2

Harford County supports policies that strengthen collaboration, enhance accountability, and prioritize the safety of our residents. HB 719 reinforces the principle that public safety must come first and that law enforcement partnerships are essential to achieving that goal.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge a favorable report on House Bill 719.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. Cassilly", is written over the text "Yours truly,". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Robert G. Cassilly