

Testimony on House Bill 444 – Favorable
HB444 – Public Safety – Immigration Enforcement Agreements – Prohibition
House Judiciary Committee

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

My name is Shirley Fuller and I am a resident of Severn, MD and a member of SURJ3A, ACT, and Ark and Dove Presbyterian Church. I am writing in support of **HB444 – Public Safety – Immigration Enforcement Agreements – Prohibition**.

As a Christian I am horrified by the current immigrant policies coming from the Trump Administration and invading, often illegally, all aspects of community life, particularly for the immigrant community.

I support **HB444** because immigration enforcement agreements like 287(g) create fear in immigrant communities and undermine public safety for everyone. When people fear contact with law enforcement, they are less likely to report crimes, seek help, or cooperate as witnesses—even when they are victims.

Programs like 287(g) have been associated with racial profiling, discrimination, and wrongful detention. They divert local resources away from protecting communities and instead entangle local agencies in federal deportation efforts that separate families and destabilize neighborhoods.

Prohibiting these agreements should return us to a time before these unacceptable policies took place and would improve safety, trust, or fairness in your community.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the committee to issue a **favorable report** on **HB 444**.

Thank you for your time and consideration.