

**Testimony on Senate Bill 810 / House Bill 1341 - Favorable**

Immigration Enforcement - Expanding Sensitive Locations,  
Notification and Guidance

(Maryland Values Act of 2026)

House Judiciary Committee

April 1, 2026

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

I, Cynthia Sokolow of Howard County, MD, offer favorable testimony **in support of SB 810 / HB 1341.**

This bill expands the definition of sensitive locations within a public school building. Public school personnel would be prohibited from engaging in any kind of immigration enforcement.

I worked in three public school buildings for over 15 years. Our number one concern was (and still is) for the safety of our students. Every child has the right to feel secure when attending school. No adult educator, staff member or volunteer should ever be permitted to cooperate with an immigration enforcement agent.

This urgent bill would clarify to anyone employed by the Maryland public school system that they may not engage with ICE regarding any student.

Please **support SB 810 / HB 1341.**

Thank you for your attention and consideration,

Sincerely,

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