

**SB 810/HB 1341:** Public Schools - School Security Personnel - Immigration Investigation and Enforcement: Please vote to **OPPOSE** this bill.

Dear Education, Energy & the Environment Committee and Judiciary Committee:

I am writing to express my strong **OPPOSITION** to **SB 810/HB 1341**, regarding Public Schools and Immigration Investigation and Enforcement.

School security personnel are tasked with maintaining order, protecting students, and responding to safety concerns within the school environment. I believe that public safety and school security are best maintained when school security personnel and School Resource Officers (SROs) have the flexibility to cooperate with all levels of law enforcement. Restricting the ability of security personnel to communicate or collaborate with federal authorities will create gaps in oversight and impact the overall safety of the school environment.

Students and parents must feel comfortable engaging with educators, administrators, and school staff. That can't happen if SROs are unable to obtain critical information about students or staff that is crucial to their safety. When families are hesitant to communicate with schools, it can negatively affect attendance, academic performance, and overall student well-being.

Public education works best when it is centered on learning, stability, security and community trust. **This legislation places unnecessary restrictions** on the information-sharing processes **that are vital for maintaining secure communities**. Maryland's schools should focus on **comprehensive** safety protocols.

I respectfully urge you to issue an **UNFAVORABLE** report on **SB 810/HB 1341**.

Thank you for your time and for your thoughtful consideration.

Respectfully,

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