

Dear members of the House Judiciary Committee,

My name is Dr. Ikechukwu Enenmoh. I am a concerned citizen of Baltimore City, a resident physician and public health professional in training, and a resident of the State Legislative District 40. I am writing to you in **support of HB0444** to prohibit the State, a unit of local government, a county sheriff, or any agency, officer, employee, or agent of the State or a unit of local government from entering into an immigration enforcement agreement.

Like many of my neighbors, I have been horrified by the brazen acts of violence taken by federal agents to terrorize members of my community throughout Baltimore City and the State of Maryland. As someone who has lived, learned, and worshipped in Baltimore City since 2014, I am well aware of the acts of violence that the Baltimore City Police Department and other law enforcement agencies have committed against communities of color in Maryland, such as the killings of Freddie Gray and Tyrone West, and the offenses of the Gun Trace Task Force. These agencies have a long road before them if they hope to begin rebuilding any semblance of trust with Maryland residents, and continuing to collaborate with Federal Immigration Enforcement will only reinforce the ongoing histories of trauma that both agencies have inflicted on communities of color in the state of Maryland.

As a physician and public health professional, I believe that acts of violence and surveillance by law enforcement constitute a threat to public health and public trust, especially when those actions result in individuals being afraid to leave their homes for fear of being violently detained, unable to go to work to support their families, and unable to obtain essential items like food and medication. As an immigrant to this country myself, I know what it means to build a home here and what it means to continue fighting on behalf of that home and my neighbors. I hope that you know what that means as well.

I am urging you to stand with your constituents and support HB0444. We look forward to publicly discussing your response.

Sincerely,

Dr. Ikechukwu Enenmoh