



Testimony on House Bill 1575 – Favorable
HB1575 – Correctional Services and Public Safety - Immigration Enforcement - Prohibitions
(Community Trust Act)
House Judiciary Committee
February 23, 2026

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

IndivisibleHoCoMD offers favorable testimony in support of **HB1575 – Correctional Services and Public Safety - Immigration Enforcement - Prohibitions (Community Trust Act)**.

Established in 2017 as part of the national Indivisible movement, IndivisibleHoCoMD has more than 1,700 members focused on making our state safe, equitable, and welcoming for all residents. There are 49 Indivisible chapters in Maryland and over 2,500 nationwide.

Maryland has just banned 287g agreements throughout the state. But Maryland law enforcement agents can still carry out federal immigration policy. Local jails and police can voluntarily hold and transfer individuals, many without criminal records, to ICE without a judicial warrant.

HB1575 will stop this practice. The bill prohibits local officers from holding anyone in custody for ICE without a judicial warrant. The bill also prohibits local officers from asking about a person's immigration status and country of origin or holding a person for the purpose of immigration detention.

HB1575 does not prevent the federal government from enforcing immigration laws or executing a judicial warrant. It does not prevent Maryland police from arresting and charging someone who has committed a crime. It does not prevent police from doing their jobs. It does ensure that Maryland law enforcement is focusing on keeping our communities safe, not on doing ICE's job. HB1575 will restore community trust in the police.

For these reasons, IndivisibleHoCoMD urges the committee to issue a **favorable report on HB1575**.

Sincerely,

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