

Date of Hearing: January 27, 2026 Julie Robin Solomon
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TESTIMONY ON HB#4444 - POSITION: FAVORABLE

Full Bill Name: Public Safety - Immigration Enforcement Agreements - Prohibition

TO: Chair J. Sandy Bartlett, Vice Chair, Debra Davis, and members of the Judiciary Committee

FROM: Julie Robin Solomon

My name is Julie Robin Solomon. I am a resident of District 46. I am submitting this testimony in support of HB#444, Public Safety–Immigration Enforcement Agreements-Prohibition.

I am a 39-year-resident of Baltimore City and a member of JUFJ, DSA, and the ACLU. I depend daily on our immigrant community, which every day provides vital services in our hospitals, nursing homes, schools, stores, government offices, and construction sites. As the grandchild of immigrants, I know that our country, state and nation have been erected on the backs of their hard work. It is essential that we protect them and keep our communities whole. After the dreadful murder of Rene Good in Minneapolis, we all know that each and every one of us is endangered by poorly trained, lawless ICE and Border Patrol actions.

But it is not just ordinary citizens who are in danger. Our police and sheriff departments are vulnerable as well. If we allow them to enter into 287g agreements we risk exposing them to the fascistic culture of undertrained federal agents, many of whom have very little to no experience policing civilians. ICE and other federal agents have needlessly, killed, wounded, and manhandled innocent civilians. They are heedless of the civil rights of community members and ignore due process. We do not want our local police forces and sheriff offices absorbing this immoral, illegal, fascistic culture and imitating it! We want to separate our departments' operations from those of ICE—as far as possible. In Baltimore City, in particular, we have, and continue, to work hard to reform the conduct of our police. We do not want anything to stymie that progress!

I want to thank all of the members of this committee for its hard work in keeping **all** Marylanders safe. In this difficult time we the citizens and our elected representatives must stand tall and firm against the dangers coming our way from the federal government. I thus respectfully urge you to vote in favor of this bill to outlaw 287g agreements. We will all sleep a little more soundly once this is accomplished.