



## TESTIMONY

### HB1036 Office of the Attorney General – Independent Investigations Division – Federal Law Enforcement or Immigration Enforcement

**Bill Sponsor:** Delegate Bartlett

**Committee:** House Judiciary

**Organization Submitting:** Maryland Legislative Coalition

**Person Submitting:** Aileen Alex, Co-Chair

**Position:** FAVORABLE

I am submitting this testimony in support of HB1036 on behalf of the Maryland Legislative Coalition. We are an association of unpaid citizen advocates—individuals and grassroots groups in every district—representing more than 30,000 Marylanders.

Across the country, immigration-related enforcement actions have occurred without transparency or oversight, creating fear in immigrant communities and discouraging victims, witnesses, and family members from engaging with the justice system. Across the country, deaths have occurred without proper investigations, allowing the federal government to supply misinformation and probable murderers to escape accountability.

HB1036 requires the Independent Investigations Division (IID) of the Office of the Attorney General to investigate any death OR serious physical injury that occurs in connection with an interaction with federal law enforcement or federal immigration enforcement. It also requires the Division to submit a report after each investigation and authorizes the Attorney General to prosecute cases when warranted.

This legislation aligns directly with the mission of the Maryland Legislative Coalition. Our work centers on equity, transparency, and justice. HB1036 strengthens all three by ensuring that every Marylander—regardless of immigration status—can trust that serious incidents involving federal authorities will be investigated with independence and integrity.

We respectfully urge a **FAVORABLE** report on HB1036.