

**Testimony on House Bill 1575 – Favorable  
HB1575 – Correctional Services and Public Safety - Immigration Enforcement -  
Prohibitions (Community Trust Act)**

**House Judiciary Committee**

**Hearing: February 25, 2026**

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

My name is Amy Huberman and I'm a resident of Pikesville, in Baltimore County, Maryland. I'm writing in support of **HB1575 – the Community Trust Act**.

As the great-granddaughter of Jews who fled pogroms in Belarus and sought asylum in this country; and as the spouse of an immigrant who fled persecution in Russia, I know on a very personal level how vulnerable our immigrant neighbors can feel as they are trying to find safety and build new lives and new communities.

Right now in Maryland, that safety is threatened every time local jails and law enforcement voluntarily collaborate with ICE by holding people past their release dates and/or notifying ICE about individuals in custody, all without a judicial warrant. This is unconstitutional and goes against our shared American values of justice and due process for all. In addition, it makes our communities less safe by eroding trust between residents and law enforcement. I've seen neighbors afraid to reach out to law enforcement for help because they fear that they will be turned over to ICE.

**HB1575** would honor individuals' constitutional rights by requiring a judicial warrant before anyone is held on behalf of ICE. It would also stop local officers from proactively contacting ICE about people in their custody. It does not prevent the federal government from enforcing immigration laws; it just ensures that Maryland is not doing ICE's job for them. This would increase trust in local law enforcement, making our communities safer for everyone.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the committee to issue a **favorable report on SB791/HB1575**.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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