

Testimony on House Bill – Favorable - HB 1536 Maryland Enforcement Limits and Transparency (MELT) Act

Before the House 3/11/26

Dear members of the House,

My name is Carolyn Matthews, and I am a resident of Anne Arundel County, Maryland. I am writing in support of **HB 1536 - Maryland Enforcement Limits and Transparency (MELT) Act**.

Thank you to the Delegates who are co-sponsoring this important legislation.

As with so many other bills this session, HB 1536 is a tool to close loopholes for those individuals who want to use their position to work with federal agencies in immigration enforcement, despite the prohibition on formal agreements. HB 1536 prohibits individuals from doing so and makes them personally liable if their actions result in a person's constitutional rights being violated. It reinforces the state of Maryland's intention to protect all of our residents and take their rights seriously, without regard to their immigration status.

I respectfully urge the House to vote favorably on **HB 1536**.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

