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The Honorable J. Sandy Bartlett
Chair, House Judiciary Committee
100 Taylor House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: Letter of Support – House Bill 675 – Public Safety – Immigration Enforcement – Immigration Enforcement Agreements

Dear Chairwoman Bartlett and Committee Members,

On behalf of the citizens of Harford County, I write to express support for House Bill 675.

The safety and security of our communities depend upon strong cooperation among local, state, and federal law enforcement partners. When individuals charged with criminal offenses are housed in local correctional facilities, it is critical that local authorities have clear and consistent mechanisms to coordinate with federal immigration authorities when appropriate. HB 675 reinforces the importance of those partnerships.

Counties that operate correctional facilities are often on the front lines of public safety. Establishing formal immigration enforcement agreements ensures that communication channels between local agencies and federal authorities are clearly defined and operational. These agreements provide structure, clarity, and accountability in situations where coordination is necessary.

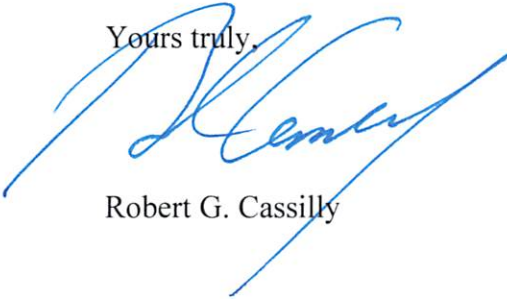
Public safety should not operate in silos. Criminal activity that crosses jurisdictional boundaries requires cooperation across levels of government. Immigration enforcement, particularly when involving individuals who have been charged with serious offenses, is no exception. HB 675 ensures that local correctional facilities maintain the ability to collaborate effectively with federal partners to address matters that may affect community safety.

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Harford County believes that maintaining cooperative relationships with federal law enforcement agencies strengthens our overall public safety posture. These partnerships allow information sharing, coordinated action, and appropriate enforcement within the bounds of the law. Requiring such agreements provides uniformity and clarity statewide.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge a favorable report on House Bill 675.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. Cassilly", is written over the "Yours truly," text. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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