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March 2, 2026

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

Re: Letter of Support – House Bill 725 – Correctional Services – Immigration Enforcement –  
Required Notice and Transfer

Dear Chairwoman Bartlett and Committee Members,

On behalf of the citizens of Harford County, I write to express strong support for House Bill 725.

Counties that operate correctional facilities are entrusted with protecting public safety and ensuring the orderly custody and release of individuals held within our local jails. Clear and consistent procedures regarding communication with federal immigration authorities are essential to fulfilling that responsibility.

HB 725 establishes a uniform statewide requirement that State and local correctional facilities provide notice to federal immigration authorities prior to the release of certain individuals when requested and transfer those individuals into federal custody when appropriate. This bill creates clarity and consistency across Maryland jurisdictions and ensures that cooperation between levels of government is not left to varying local policies.

When individuals in local custody are also subject to federal immigration enforcement actions, coordination is critical. A structured notice and transfer process helps prevent avoidable release situations that may pose risks to the broader community. It also ensures that local correctional staff are following clear statutory guidance rather than navigating inconsistent or informal practices.

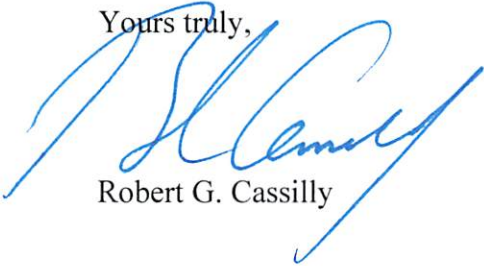
Public safety depends on cooperation. Criminal activity and enforcement responsibilities often cross jurisdictional boundaries, and our law enforcement and correctional professionals must have defined procedures to work effectively with federal partners. HB 725 reinforces those partnerships and ensures that Maryland's correctional facilities operate under clear and uniform standards.

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Harford County supports measures that strengthen intergovernmental collaboration and prioritize the safety of our residents.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge a favorable report on House Bill 725.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. Cassilly", is written over the typed name. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Robert G. Cassilly