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TO: Delegate J. Sandy Bartlett, Chair
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FROM: Maryland Legislative Latino Caucus
DATE: 3/9/2026
RE: HB0630 - Correctional Services - Immigration Detention
Facilities - Original Design and Construction

The MLLC supports HB0630 - Correctional Services - Immigration Detention Facilities - Original Design and Construction

The MLLC is a bipartisan group of Senators and Delegates committed to supporting legislation that improves the lives of Latinos throughout our state. The MLLC is a crucial voice in the development of public policy that uplifts the Latino community and benefits the state of Maryland. Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to express our support of HB0630.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency (ICE) is detaining immigrants at such alarming rates that the agency is purchasing buildings to use as detention facilities to hold detainees. ICE is systematically targeting Latinos for detention and noncriminal Latinos have become central to their enforcement making the population particularly vulnerable to being detained¹. Conditions inside ICE detention facilities have been described as horrific with hundreds of detainees lacking access to their basic needs and some experiencing medical neglect².

Presently, ICE is pursuing the opening of a detention facility inside a warehouse in Washington County, Maryland. The use of such commercial buildings or non-correctional facilities for the detention of human beings is inhumane. As mentioned, current detention facilities do not meet the standards of humane conditions for detention therefore it is unlikely that any new detention facility would be retrofitted with appropriate standards to detain hundreds of people. This bill would prevent the use of these buildings as detention facilities and generally may assist in decreasing the number of immigrants and Latinos detained in Maryland. By prohibiting the conversion of existing spaces into immigration detention facilities, Maryland will prevent the existence of internment camps within the state.

For these reasons, the Maryland Legislative Latino Caucus respectfully requests a favorable report on HB0630.

¹ [UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs. New Analysis Reveals Sharp Rise in ICE Detention of Immigrants With No Criminal Convictions. 20 Jan. 2026.](#)

² [ACLU. Inside an ICE Detention Center: Detained People Describe Severe Medical Neglect, Harrowing Conditions. 17 Dec. 2025.](#)