

House Bill 444
Judiciary Committee
Favorable Report

Honorable Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee;

We, the Steering Committee of the neighborhood group One Pasadena: Building a Safe and Inclusive Community, urge you to give House Bill 444 a favorable report.

287(g) agreements give law enforcement free reign to discriminate against people based on perceived or actual race; participating law enforcement even receive federal funds to do so. 287(g) agreements are also known to decrease the instance of witnesses to crimes coming forward, due to fear for themselves or undocumented family members. No one should have to worry about which Maryland counties they can safely visit, or even simply drive through. As an anti-racist organization, we implore you to give House Bill 444 a favorable report. Thank you.

Sincerely,
The One Pasadena Steering Committee
Pasadena, MD