



## Catonsville Indivisible

### Support for House Bill 495

#### Criminal Procedure – Immigration Arrest – Immunity in Connection With Court Proceedings

My name is Susan Radke and am a co-leader with Catonsville Indivisible Group, a grassroots group of constituents living in Catonsville, Southwest Baltimore County, Maryland who are dedicated to protecting our U.S. Constitutional rights, as well as progressive and democratic values. The **Catonsville Indivisible Group** and I strongly support HB 495 that provides immunity for an immigrant individual from immigration arrest in connection with court proceedings.

Immigrants who are documented, (for an example has a green card or approved asylum case) or undocumented are at risk of being taken into Federal Immigration custody based on the suspicion that the individual committed a civil immigration violation. This bill protects immigrants, household or family members from immigration arrest while performing civic duties such as testifying as a witness for a court proceeding.

The Catonsville Indivisible Group and I support HB 495 because no immigrant regardless of status should be terrified to assist in court proceedings for fear of being arrested by immigration agents, detained and deported. Therefore, we request the committee to vote in favor of this bill and ultimately pass the bill into law.

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