

Testimony on House Bill – Favorable
SHB 0444 – Public Safety – Immigration Enforcement Agreements – Prohibition
House Judiciary Committee
January 23, 2026

Dear Honorable Chair Bartlett, Vice Chair Davis, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Marian Marbury and I am a Baltimore City, Maryland. I am writing in support of **HB 0444 – Public Safety – Immigration Enforcement Agreements – Prohibition**.

I support **HB 0444** because 1) Community safety is my priority issue; and 2) ICE has been shown repeatedly to ignore laws and beat people up; refusing to cooperate with them in every legal way possible is our moral responsibility. We know that the fear created by immigration enforcement agreements like 287(g) keeps immigrants from seeking help when they need it and reporting crimes when they see them, even when they are the victims.

Law enforcement officials have a difficult task, and that task becomes more difficult when the bond of trust between the community and the officials is broken. Experience teaches us that programs like 287(g) lead to increases in racial profiling and discrimination. When local agencies become involved in federal deportation efforts, they are less available to serve true community needs. And unfortunately in the current federal efforts, too many detainments and deportations result in family separations.

I support deportation of immigrants who have been convicted of committing crimes. But in the current climate it is imperative that the state of Maryland resist ICE's violent and often unlawful tactics by refusing to cooperate with them in any way.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the committee to issue a **favorable report** on **HB 0444**.

Thank you for your time and consideration.