

HB630 - FAV
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Testimony on House Bill – Favorable

HB 630 Correctional Services - Immigration Detention Facilities
Original Design and Construction
Judiciary Committee
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Dear Honorable Chair Barlett, Vice Chair Davis and Delegates,

My name is and I live in District 13, Howard County Maryland. I am writing in support of HB 630.

I am the chair of Columbia Jewish Congregation's Social Justice Committee. We have been strong supporters of immigrants, their needs, their rights because we know what it is to be persecuted, to be desperately poor and be forced to leave our homes. No one leaves their country of origin on a whim.

The Torah commands us in 32 different places to care for the stranger. I am impelled by my faith to act to safeguard our neighbors from the deprivations of an out-of-control bureaucracy, trying to create concentration camps around the country.

HB 630 would prohibit a person from operating an immigration detention facility at a building, structure, or facility that was not originally designed and constructed for the purpose of housing or detaining individuals. ICE is trying to position facilities in a variety of locations which were not zoned for detention centers, some of which are close to residential and educational facilities. Even more worrisome is that many of these buildings don't have sufficient sleeping quarters, bathing and electrical infrastructure to handle the numbers of people expected to be housed there. The water and electricity needs may outstrip what the area can handle.

In the interest of humane treatment of all people, I respectfully urge the committee to issue a **favorable report** on HB630.

Thank you for your time and consideration.
Dr. Anna Rubin