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TESTIMONY ON HB0630 – IN SUPPORT

Correctional Services – Immigration Detention Facilities – Original Design and Construction

TO: Chair Delegate J. Sandy Bartlett, Vice Chair Delegate Debra Davis, and members of the Judiciary Committee

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My name is Ydelka A. Schrock. I am a resident of Harford County District 34A. I am submitting this testimony in support of HB0630, Correctional Services – Immigration Detention Facilities – Original Design and Construction, on behalf of Together We Will Harford County Indivisible (TWW). TWW is an inclusive and diverse group of 500 regular members, with over 1,000 followers on social media, working together to create a just community that empowers individuals to participate in our democracy and stand up for social, racial, and economic justice to create a place where all can thrive.

The United State’s Supreme Court has confirmed in *Arizona v. United States*, that merely being undocumented in the U.S. does not constitute a crime. Yet anti-immigrant lawmakers and groups continue to use terms with misleading rhetoric that depicts undocumented immigrants as criminals instead of people who committed a civil immigration violation.

ICE detention is meant to ensure people show up for their immigration court hearings, due to flight risk not as punishment. This administration is spending billions of taxpayer money to turn warehouses into immigrant detention facilities. Detention facilities that are reported to have a history of inadequate compliance with health and safety standards, insufficient health care, limited oversight and now allegedly committing human rights abuses. The State of Maryland should not allow these facilities to exist within its borders.

There is no need to put undocumented immigrants in detention facilities when there are other options that have worked in the past. These individuals should be released while waiting for the outcome of their pending immigration case.

On behalf of TWW, I respectfully urge this committee to return a favorable report on HB0630.