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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB0444, Immigration Enforcement Agreements - Prohibition
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TO: Chair J. Sandy Bartlett & the House Judiciary Committee
FROM: Patricia Lesley

Chair Bartlett and members of the House Judiciary Committee, my name is Patricia, I live in Laurel, Maryland, and I am writing to support HB0444, Immigration Enforcement Agreements - Prohibition, to prevent Maryland from entering into any 287g agreements.

As a lifelong Marylander, I do not want Kristi Noem's ICE agents endangering the everyday lives of myself and my neighbors. They have shown to be empowered and entitled bullies, literally rounding up American citizens for no good reason, and have been protected from their crimes and dangerous behavior. Do not allow Maryland to enter into agreements with this organization. Maryland agencies should not be helping ICE commit illegal acts against Maryland citizens.

Please let Maryland be a safer place for all of us than elsewhere in our country. Prohibiting this Administration's lawless, bullying, gestapo-esque ICE agents from working with Maryland law enforcement agencies is a big step towards keeping us all safe. I urge you to support HB0444 and help ensure that Maryland's law enforcement is being held to the highest standards of conduct.>