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Chair, House Judiciary Committee
Maryland House of Delegates

**RE: Testimony in Support of House Bill 630 - Correctional Services
Immigration Detention Facilities - Original Design and Construction**

Dear Chair and Members of the Maryland House Judiciary Committee,

I write today in support of House Bill HB 630. Not only am I appalled at the lack of transparency from our local Board of County Commissioners regarding the proposed DHS ICE Detention facility in Williamsport, MD, but I am horrified that any Marylander, or any U.S. Citizen for that matter, would choose to be complicit in detaining human beings in a building that was designed as a logistics warehouse for non-human packages. I've seen the pictures from other detention facilities, and it's not right.

HB 630 requires that detention facilities operate only in buildings specifically constructed for that purpose. Regardless of the federal agency or the procurement vehicle used, Maryland must maintain standards for what operates within its borders.

I also have very real concerns that using a warehouse as a detention center will have massive impacts on Maryland communities' water, sewer, and road infrastructure. When those logistics centers were approved for construction, it was not with a thought to providing water and sewage services for 1500 people.

I ask that you pass this bill to protect human rights and do what you can and what you must to be leaders at this crucial moment. Your constituents are counting on you to make the proper and moral choices.

Thank you.



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