

January 27, 2026

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

My name is Alex Abramowicz, and I am a resident of Frederick County, **Maryland**. I am writing in support of **HB444 – Public Safety – Immigration Enforcement Agreements – Prohibition**.

As a Licensed Clinical Psychologist working in Maryland, I find ICE's practices abhorrent, tearing families apart, and actively harming individuals in our community.

I support **HB444** because immigration enforcement agreements like 287(g) create fear in immigrant communities and undermine public safety for everyone. When people fear contact with law enforcement, they are less likely to report crimes, seek help, or cooperate as witnesses—even when they are victims.

Programs like 287(g) have been associated with racial profiling, discrimination, and wrongful detention. They divert local resources away from protecting communities and instead entangle local agencies in federal deportation efforts that separate families and destabilize neighborhoods.

Prohibiting agreements like this will build trust within communities due to no longer having to hide in fear. The ongoing, systemic racism towards neighbors and friends is devastating on a professional, personal, and community level. HB 444 can make a huge difference for those in our communities who need our protection the most.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the committee to issue a **favorable report** on **HB 444**.

Thank you for your time and consideration.