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TESTIMONY ON HB0444 - POSITION: FAVORABLE
Public Safety - Immigration Enforcement Agreements - Prohibition

TO: Chair Bartlett, Vice Chair Davis, and members of the Judiciary Committee

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My name is George Bourozikas. I am a resident of District 46. I am submitting this testimony in support of HB444, Public Safety - Immigration Enforcement Agreements - Prohibition.

I am an IT professional, and I live and work in Baltimore City with my wife. This is where we raised our two daughters.

In 2012, I entered the George H. Fallon Federal Building in downtown Baltimore and had my naturalization interview. A few weeks later I was a naturalized citizen of the United States. So it was with great sadness that, thirteen years later, I stood in front of that same building protesting the illegal arrest and vindictive prosecution of Kilmar Ábrego García. I cried while I and many of our friends and neighbors watched in silence as Mr. Garcia walked in the building only to be arrested by ICE and separated from his family and community.

Mr. García and all immigrants are us - most of us have an immigrant story. They are our friends, neighbors, co-workers, and cherished members of our community. Their contribution is invaluable: in fellowship, culture, diversity, productivity. It is our duty as Marylanders to protect our brothers and sisters, whether they are documented or not. At a minimum we should make it impossible for any state official in Maryland to cooperate in any way with federal authorities when they demonize, terrorize, and persecute them. We cannot stop ICE but we *can* make sure that no Maryland jurisdiction is allowed to cooperate with them.

This bill will help to achieve this. It will also send a strong message to the rest of the country that we are willing to stand up to injustice and be our brothers' and sisters' keepers.

I respectfully urge this committee to return a favorable report on HB0444.