

## **TESTIMONY ON HB 1262 - POSITION: FAVORABLE**

### **Public Safety - Law Enforcement Officers - Restrictions**

**To:** Chairwoman Bartlett, Vice Chairwoman Davis, and members of the committee:

I am writing to urge you to support HB1262. This is because too many interactions between ICE, other federal law enforcement officers cooperating with ICE efforts, and Marylanders are the result of unlawful profiling and subsequent detention of our neighbors. I am a community association leader in the 21224 ZIP code of Baltimore, one of the densest communities of immigrants in the State, and that population is essential to the growth and vibrancy of our community and our city.

The reasoning for my support is best articulated by the ACLU of Maryland, HB1262 is a “bill that would ban Marylanders from being racially profiled by law enforcement and limit federal abuses by federal agents escalated by the Trump Administration. HB 1262 would codify existing constitutional protections against racial profiling through language explicitly forbidding racial profiling by law enforcement and make it clear that federal agents seeking to rely on Maryland law as a basis for their activities are subject to the same Maryland standards as state and local law enforcement.”

For more detailed justification for the passage of this bill, please refer to this summary document released by the ACLU of Maryland: [SB 854/HB 1262](#)

I support a clean passage of this bill.

Thank you for your hard work on behalf of all Marylanders. And thank you for your consideration of this important bill.

Sincerely,

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