

Testimony on House Bill – Favorable

HB 0630 Correctional Services – Immigration Detention Facilities – Original Design and Construction

House Judiciary Committee

February 18, 2026

Dear Delegates Schindler, Behler, Fair, A. Johnson, Martinez, Moreno, Simmons, Spiegel, Vogel, and Woorman, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to offer favorable testimony in support of **HB 0630** Correctional Services – Immigration Detention Facilities – Original Design and Construction.

The United States is currently using “warehouses” to hold thousands of people in documented conditions resembling torture. Extreme cold, constant light, and CHILDREN held in chain-link cages on concrete floors. The DHS Office of Inspector General confirmed this, observing cages built for 35 people holding 155 people, with detainees standing on toilets just to breathe, and newborn infants whose mothers could not wash their bottles. The water and food provided is putrid and people are constantly getting sick. Medical care is inadequate at best. Recently leaked footage from a Baltimore warehouse showed people packed shoulder to shoulder in cages clearly unfit for human use. DHS’ lack of human rights is clear. This is disgusting and a disgrace. I am thoroughly embarrassed and ashamed to be living in a country where this is occurring. This cannot be permitted to expand.

I urge the House Judiciary Committee to issue **a favorable report** on HB 0630.



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