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TESTIMONY ON HBI 575- POSITION: FAVORABLE

**Correctional Services and Public Safety – Immigration Enforcement – Prohibitions
(Community Trust Act)**

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

FROM: Julie Simon

My name is (Your Name). I am a resident of District 43B. I am submitting this testimony in support of HBI 575, Correctional Services and Public Safety – Immigration Enforcement – Prohibitions (Community Trust Act).

For the last several years I have been the team lead for the Baltimore Hebrew Congregation Welcome Circle. During that time we have lived our Jewish and civic values, welcoming two Afghan families to Baltimore County and getting to know others from the over 35 Afghan families that live in Cockeysville. Many of these individuals were actively involved in supporting U.S. efforts in Afghanistan and came as part of Allies Welcome. Others have come seeking refugee status and asylum, fleeing religious persecution, political oppression and gender-based violence. All are working, paying taxes, starting new businesses, going to school and otherwise contributing to the vibrancy of our community.

In recent months, the Trump administration has launched a racist, xenophobic and deadly campaign against immigrants across the United States, including attacking parents and families at schools and at work, deploying military equipment to terrorize communities, racially profiling U.S. citizens and shooting people. It is against this backdrop that I am writing to express my support for a favorable report on HBI 575, which requires a judicial warrant, signed by a judge, before local jail and law enforcement agencies can hold someone beyond their scheduled release date for Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) or notify ICE about the immigration status of people in custody. Collaborating with ICE in these ways is unconstitutional and makes our communities less safe by discouraging immigrants from cooperating with local law enforcement agencies.

I respectfully urge this committee to return a favorable report on HBI 575.