



## TESTIMONY FOR HB0832

### Public Safety - State Law Enforcement Agencies - Hiring Restriction (ICE Breaker Act)

**Bill Sponsor:** Delegate Boaf

**Committee:** Judiciary

**Organization Submitting:** Maryland Legislative Coalition

**Person Submitting:** Cecilia Plante, co-chair

**Position:** FAVORABLE

I am submitting this testimony in favor of HB0832 on behalf of the Maryland Legislative Coalition. The Maryland Legislative Coalition is an association of activists - individuals and grassroots groups in every district in the state. We are unpaid citizen lobbyists, and our Coalition supports well over 30,000 members.

We used to have respect for officers who serve the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), specifically Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). We understood the job they had to do and respected the fact that they did it like all other law enforcement officers – with professionalism.

What we see now is lawless criminality. We don't want those people to serve in our law enforcement ranks after they leave ICE. This bill, if enacted, would prohibit any law enforcement agency in the state from hiring any of the ICE officers who joined that agency after January 1, 2025.

We don't want those people. We are happy to take on any members with ICE who joined that agency before it became lawless.

We strongly support this bill and recommend a **FAVORABLE** report in committee.