

**Testimony on House Bill – Favorable**  
**HB 0630** Correctional Services - Immigration Detention Facilities - Original  
Design and Construction

**House Judiciary Committee**

**March 9, 2026**

Dear Honorable Chair Bartlett, Vice Chair Davis, 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.

I am a primary care physician who sees undocumented immigrants. My patients are being kidnapped, oppressed, scared, and deported by ICE. ICE is not making us safer in Maryland; they are arresting more and more people, harassing citizens as well.

ICE is well known for failing to provide healthcare to its detainees according to accepted standards. Among other things, this bill would mandate that the State not enter into an agreement with a private entity, such as the for-profit companies who benefit from the suffering of my patients. We must not allow such detention facilities in Maryland without at least the ability to guarantee they do not mistreat the detainees.

When you are asked in future years what you did to protect all residents of Maryland, you can point to this bill as evidence.

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

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