

Testimony IN FAVOR of HB 444
Public Safety - Immigration Enforcement Agreements - Prohibition

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TO: Del. Sandy Bartlett, Chair, Del. Debra Davis, Vice-Chair,
and Members of the House Judiciary Committee

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Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony IN FAVOR of **HB 444 - Public Safety - Immigration Enforcement Agreements - Prohibition** that will end 287(g) Intergovernmental Service Agreements between the Department of Homeland Security Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and local law enforcement agencies in Maryland. My name is Rev. Dr. Alexa Fraser, I am a resident of District Number 17.

I am a minister and concerned citizen of Maryland, Montgomery County and Rockville. My faith, Unitarian Universalism, calls for love at the center of all we do. My faith also compels me to search for equity and justice, and to use those values in my interactions with my friends, neighbors, and yes, my enemies. Unfortunately, it seems that the members of ICE (or local police working in cooperation with them) do not share these values.

I have neighbors whose lives have been ruined by ICE raids and while I'm attempting to stand up in ways I can as an elder (though a white US citizen) I truly worry for myself and others with the mandate the members of ICE are following. Their actions are illegal and against all I know Maryland stands for.

You know where I stand and knowing the committee and its leadership
I believe you too stand for our people and against ICE.

Thank you.
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