

Written Testimony

Bill: **HB0630**

Position: **FAV**

March 9, 2026

Dear Chair Bartlett & Members of the House Judiciary Committee:

As a concerned Maryland citizen, I am in favor of HB0630, Correctional Services - Immigration Detention Facilities - Original Design and Construction and I urge your support. This bill will prevent the use of existing buildings that were not built to be detention centers, such as warehouses, from being converted for that use.

Maryland's Dignity Not Detention Act (2021) was a major step towards supporting our immigrant communities, but federal agencies are finding loopholes to further their inhumane agendas. They continue to keep detainees in unconscionable conditions, in buildings that not only were not meant to hold people in that way, but also not at such capacity. This bill would help prevent the misuse of existing structures from being turned into something they cannot and should not support.

I urge the House Judiciary Committee to issue a favorable report on this bill.

Respectfully submitted,

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