

Testimony on House Bill – Favorable
HB 444 – Public Safety – Immigration Enforcement Agreements – Prohibition
House Judiciary Committee

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Dear Honorable Chair Bartlett, Vice Chair Davis, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Glenn Perryman, and I am a resident of Hollywood, Maryland in St. Mary's County. I am writing in support of **HB 444 – Public Safety – Immigration Enforcement Agreements – Prohibition**.

I am outraged by the brutal and unlawful tactics being employed by ICE agents against our immigrant communities. We should not treat human beings this way in United States of America!

I support **HB 444** because immigration enforcement agreements like 287(g) create fear in immigrant communities and undermine public safety for everyone. When people fear contact with law enforcement, they are less likely to report crimes, seek help, or cooperate as witnesses—even when they are victims.

We have seen the impact of these agreements instill fear in our immigrant neighbors. In some local businesses, immigrant employees have not reported to their jobs for fear of being disappeared by ICE agents. This impacts the businesses and our county at large, both of which depend on immigrant labor.

Programs like 287(g) have been associated with racial profiling, discrimination, and wrongful detention. They divert local resources away from protecting communities and instead entangle local agencies in federal deportation efforts that separate families and destabilize neighborhoods.

I believe prohibiting these agreements is the morally right thing to do in the state of Maryland and across the country. Eradication of 287(g) will allow local law enforcement to focus on their number one mission which is to enforce the law and ensure the safety of our citizens...all of our citizens.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the committee to issue a **favorable report** on **HB 444**.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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