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Judiciary Committee
Maryland House of Delegates
100 Taylor House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: House Bill 630 - Correctional Services - Immigration Detention Facilities - Original Design and Construction - FAV

Dear Judiciary Committee Members:

My name is Craig Hayes, and I am writing to urge you to support House Bill 630, *Correctional Services - Immigration Detention Facilities - Original Design and Construction*, which is sponsored by one of my Delegates, Ashanti Martinez from District 22.

Our current federal constitutional crisis requires unprecedentedly bold and proactive measures to safeguard and protect the life and liberties of all residents of Maryland. ICE's current actions are reflective of a campaign of stochastic terrorism-- not a good-faith effort to enforce our country's immigration laws. As ICE makes preparations to expand operations in the state, we must make clear that their illegal and immoral activities will not be tolerated.

ICE has already demonstrated to local Maryland communities that it cannot be trusted to be transparent about its plans to convert a warehouse into a detention facility in Hagerstown. By failing to provide adequate site plans to address the exponential increase in water, sewage, and other infrastructure demands on nearby towns, ICE reveals their disregard for the health, safety, and well-being of future detainees and residents alike. Sadly, it is not that surprising considering ICE acting director Todd Lyons' explicit and grotesque goal is to create an "[Amazon] Prime, but with human beings."

American historians will quickly acknowledge the parallels between ICE's current detention facilities and the Japanese internment camps during World War II. With this bill, we can make sure we do not repeat that dark history in Maryland.

By supporting HB630, you are standing up for the most vulnerable members of our community, and I respectfully urge the committee to give the bill full consideration and a favorable report.

Thank you for your time.



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