

Testimony on House Bill – Favorable

HB0630 – Correctional Services – Immigration Detention Facilities – Original Design and Construction

Judiciary Committee

March 9, 2026

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

My name is Gita Lefstein, and I am a resident of Baltimore County, Maryland. I am writing in support of HB0630 – Correctional Services – Immigration Detention Facilities – Original Design and Construction.

Immigrants, valuable members of our community, are being rounded up and processed at detention facilities throughout the country, including in Baltimore. This practice is very likely to expand by leaps and bounds if the state is unable to stop the conversion of the warehouse near Williamsport into a processing center. We need to use all avenues to block detention facilities in Maryland. Private companies, such as Anovaeon which is advertising for processing operations director and processing site supervisors, and KVG LLC which besides doing renovations is to “provide all necessary wraparound services for operation of the facility”, are involved in managing and operating the planned Williamsport facility. In Baltimore, ICE vehicles have been parked at garages. We need to make it illegal for Maryland state and local entities to cooperate in any way with these private companies which ICE needs in order to function.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge you to issue a favorable report on HB0630.

Thank you.