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**House Bill 1575 – Correctional Services and Public Safety - Immigration Enforcement -
Prohibitions (Community Trust Act)
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The BTU proudly represents thousands of educators, school support staff, and education professionals working in Baltimore City Public Schools.

We are strongly in support of the Community Trust Act. Our members serve immigrant students and their families and we see daily the impact of familial instability on social and academic outcomes. Safe communities in which all Marylanders feel safe contacting emergency services contribute to students who come to school ready to learn, unburdened by the stress and trauma of circumstances outside of their control. Anxiety and depression resulting from unsafe communities is not something students can leave at the school house door. They and other emotional challenges enter with students and morph into learning challenges that can stay with students over the long term.

Our union supports HB1575 because local jails and law enforcement across Maryland are currently choosing to share information with ICE, by detaining people past their release dates and notifying ICE about individuals in custody, without the critical legal authorization provided by a judicial warrant. This is unconstitutional, is a waste of resources, and damages the trust necessary for safe communities.

Fear of ICE has already resulted in lower attendance rates and entire families have left Baltimore out of fear of detention and deportation. Enrollment losses translate to funding cuts that impact services provided to all students, regardless of their country of origin.

This bill establishes clear legal protections for Marylanders and requires a judicial warrant before anyone is held for ICE and stops local officers from proactively sharing information with ICE about the people in their custody. Ending ICE collaboration will improve safety because more people will be willing to engage with law enforcement and emergency services.

For these reasons, we respectfully request that the committee issue a favorable report on HB1575.