

Date of Hearing: February 4, 2026 Julie Robin Solomon  
Baltimore, MD 21231

**TESTIMONY ON HB#0309 - POSITION: FAVORABLE**

**Full Bill Name: Public Safety - Immigration Enforcement Agreements - Prohibition**

**TO:** Chair J. Sandy Bartlett, Vice Chair, Debra Davis, and members of the Judiciary Committee

**FROM:** Julie Robin Solomon

**My name is Julie Robin Solomon. I am a resident of District 46. I am submitting this testimony in support of HB#0309, Judicial Facilities--Stops, Detentions, and Arrests--Limitations.**

I am a 39-year-resident of Baltimore City and a member of JUFJ, DSA, and the ACLU. I depend daily on our immigrant community, which every day provides vital services in our hospitals, nursing homes, schools, stores, government offices, and construction sites. As the grandchild of immigrants, I know that our country, state and nation have been erected on the backs of their hard work. It is essential that we protect them and keep our communities whole. After the dreadful murder of Rene Good and Alex Petrie in Minneapolis, we all know that each and every one of us is endangered by poorly trained, lawless ICE and Border Patrol actions.

But it is not just ordinary citizens who are in danger. But the operations of our courts are also. If we allow ICE to operate within one mile of a courthouse we discourage people from our community--documented and undocumented--from making use of their right to use our judicial system. In fact we want to encourage all members of our community to use our courts to pursue appropriate legal criminal, civil actions, including efforts to legalize their immigration status. This is a democracy still, not an autocracy and we need to protect our courts of all from undue intrusion from the masked, aggressive, amoral, and often illegal actions of federal agents. We want to protect due process, not undermine it. We want to teach civic virtue, not destroy it. ents' operations from those of ICE--as far as possible. In Baltimore City, in particular, we have, and continue, to work hard to reform the conduct of our police. We do not want anything to stymie that progress!

I want to thank all of the members of this committee for its hard work in keeping **all** Marylanders safe. In this difficult time we the citizens and our elected representatives must stand tall and firm against the dangers coming our way from the federal government. I thus respectfully urge you to vote in favor of HB#0309 to protect our judiciary. We will all sleep a little more soundly once this is accomplished.