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HB 630

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COUNTY POSITION: Support

Correctional Services – Immigration Detention Facilities – Original Design and Construction

House Bill 630 would prohibit a person from operating an immigration detention facility at a building, structure, or facility that was not originally designed and constructed for human detention purposes. Montgomery County supports this bill.

Multiple states and localities across the country are considering legislation like House Bill 630 to block the establishment of new U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detention and processing centers to hold thousands of detainees. The lack of transparency regarding the purchase and preparations for these private facilities operating under detention contracts with ICE is alarming. And with what is happening in Washington County, Maryland cannot in good conscience ignore the issue. House Bill 630 was introduced as an emergency bill to restrict the repurposing of existing buildings for detaining large numbers of immigrants – most of whom have no criminal record – under inhumane conditions and in violations human rights. It should be adopted.

Montgomery County is also engaged here. Last week, legislation was introduced to ban privately owned buildings from being converted into ICE detention centers. The ICE Out Act is a direct and proactive measure to prevent third-party sales or leases to ICE by prohibiting the issuance of necessary permits for a privately-owned immigration detention facility.

Maryland must continue to push back against cruel and inhumane immigration policies and practices by ICE. To that end, Montgomery County urges the Committee to adopt a favorable report on House Bill 630.