

TRUST ACT

SUPPORT SB88/HB304



When law enforcement collaborates with ICE and the Trump administration's legacy of deportation and family separation, trust between the police and the community is jeopardized, threatening public safety for all residents of Maryland. Through limiting the states cooperation and partnership with national efforts to enforce immigration law, the Maryland Trust Act would **increase the safety of Marylanders by improving relationships with law enforcement and other state entities**. Specifically, the Trust Act would do the following:

- End police partnership with ICE and other federal agencies, including 287g programs.
- Protect immigrants from ICE in sensitive locations such as schools, courthouses and hospitals.
- Protect immigrants against coercion to ensure that community members can interact with police without fear of harassment.
- Stop law enforcement agencies from inquiring to, transferring to, notifying for or detaining for ICE.

Studies have shown that cities with sanctuary policies not only have lower crime rates and stronger economies, but also can encourage immigrants to report crimes. This legislation does not alter the justice system from running its normal course - rather, it strengthens the system overall by improving public safety. It's important to know that legally, Maryland has no requirement to assist ICE with immigration enforcement. It is a DECISION that our state can make about how we can use our resources and precious taxpayer dollars. By passing the TRUST ACT and choosing to end police cooperation with ICE, we would be sending a clear message to all that Maryland will not contribute to attacking and targeting immigrants.

Top Reasons to Support the Maryland Trust Act:

- It would declare that Maryland will NOT support the targeting of immigrants, Muslims, and others.
- It would restore community trust in our law enforcement officials.
- It would improve public safety of all residents of the state.
- It would stop the expenditure of precious local dollars on federal enforcement efforts.
- Similar laws have been enacted in hundreds of local jurisdictions and states such as California and Connecticut.

Maryland should join these local jurisdictions in passing TRUST policies: Anne Arundel County (cancelled it's 287g and IGSA programs), Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Montgomery County, Prince George's County, Annapolis, Berwyn Heights, Brentwood, Cheverly, Colmar Manor, Edmonston, Forest Heights, Greenbelt, Hyattsville, Mount Rainier, Rockville, Riverdale Park and Takoma Park.

RESTORE COMMUNITY TRUST! SUPPORT MARYLAND FAMILIES!

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