

Hearing Date: February 10, 2021
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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB478/HB16
Correctional Services - Immigration Detention - Prohibition
(Dignity Not Detention Act)

Dear Chair Smith and Members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee:

My name is Joan Roache, and I live in Worcester County, Maryland. I have lived in Maryland since 1974 and in Ocean City since 2004.

I want to see the end of private prisons in Maryland and new county contracts for ICE detention. There should never be a financial incentive to arrest and detain someone. The prison system should be run by the government.

I also urge you to phase out existing ICE detention statewide, including the ICE Detention Center in Snow Hill here in Worcester County. A total overhaul of our immigration system is needed with a path to citizenship. Immigrants are important to our communities and our economy.

I urge a favorable report on SB478.

Sincerely,
Joan Roache