

HB 756 - Correctional Services - Transfers to Federal Authorities - Undocumented Immigrants (Protecting Marylanders from Violent Crime Act of 2022)

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Dear House Judiciary Committee Members,

I request your vote to approve HB 756, Protection Marylanders from Violent Crime Act of 2022.

This is a simple Bill that would require state and local correctional facilities to honor immigration detainers (or other federal requests for transfer) for certain illegal aliens in custody who are already convicted and serving a sentence for a crime.

The bill would apply in cases where the illegal alien detainee has engaged in or is suspected of terrorism or espionage, or otherwise poses a national security threat, or has been convicted of criminal street gang activity as defined by federal law, or has been convicted of an aggravated felony as defined by federal law.

This Bill requires local and state detention centers and jails to cooperate with ICE and hold violent criminals with ICE detainers for ICE to come to get them. The program that Frederick County manages is a successful program getting their community safe.

Thank you for protecting our community by approving HB756.