



THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

(301) 952-3700 County Council

POSITION STATEMENT

HB1222

Public Safety – Immigration Enforcement (Maryland Values Act)

Delegate Williams, et.al

POSITION:

SUPPORT

The Prince George's County Council has a long and distinguished history of protecting the rights and dignity of all its residents, ensuring that our communities remain safe, inclusive, and just. House Bill 1222, the Maryland Values Act, aligns with these principles by establishing clear limitations on local law enforcement's role in federal immigration enforcement while upholding public safety.

This legislation ensures that individuals in our communities—regardless of their immigration status—can live without fear of unnecessary detention or unwarranted involvement with federal immigration authorities. By prohibiting new immigration enforcement agreements and requiring the termination of existing ones, HB 1222 prevents the diversion of local resources toward federal immigration enforcement, allowing law enforcement to focus on fostering trust and addressing public safety concerns within our communities.

Prince George's County has consistently advocated for policies that uphold justice, fairness, and equal treatment under the law. HB 1222 reinforces these values by ensuring that local law enforcement agencies are not compelled to act as extensions of federal immigration authorities except in cases involving individuals convicted of violent crimes. This approach strikes an appropriate balance between community safety and the fundamental rights of all residents.

For the foregoing reasons, the Prince George's County Council **SUPPORTS HB 1222** and respectfully requests your favorable consideration of its position.

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