



RACIAL EQUITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

February 24, 2025

Dear Montgomery County State Legislators,

On behalf of the Montgomery County Racial Equity and Social Justice Advisory Committee (RESJAC) and the more than one million residents of Montgomery County, MD, thank you for your support for HB 1222 - Public Safety - Immigration Enforcement (Maryland Values Act). This piece of legislation would help protect all Marylanders from many of the damaging policies enacted by the Federal Government.

The Legislation would enact important safeguards for vulnerable individuals who have dedicated their lives to assimilating into and contributing to our county's communities and economy. The contributions of those whose livelihoods have been, in one way or another, threatened by Federal policy changes, are immeasurable and would cause great harm to Montgomery County.

While we will continue to support and uplift additional legislative fixes to protect Marylanders, we support your current efforts to:

- Ensure that databases containing personally identifiable information (PII) or sensitive data are not surrendered to enforcement authorities without a judge-issued warrant
- Require that Maryland State agencies report if enforcement authorities request or demand sensitive data or PII
- Limiting the ability for local jurisdictions and their police/sheriff departments to use locally collected taxpayer dollars to partner with enforcement authorities
- Require the Maryland Attorney General to issue guidance on the necessary procedures that limit the enforcement at sensitive locations
- Encourage reinstatement of the long-held practice of enforcement authorities to stay away from certain sensitive locations (churches, schools, hospitals, food pantries, etc.)

We commend these bills and support their passage in the full Maryland State Assembly. We also humbly request that you co-sponsor this important legislation on behalf of Maryland's six million residents. As the legislation moves forward, RESJAC stands ready to support and partner to ensure this bill's passage.

Sincerely,

The Montgomery County Racial Equity and Social Justice Advisory Committee
cc: Marc Elrich, County Executive