



## MEDIA ADVISORY

### **Advocates And Community Members Hold Emergency Rally & Vigil for Immigrant Rights in State Capitol**

**Advisory for:** Monday, February 16, 2026

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**Annapolis, MD** – On Monday, February 16, several organizations, advocates, and impacted communities will hold an **emergency rally and vigil on Lawyer’s Mall in Annapolis at 5:00 p.m.** Hundreds of Marylanders will join together to demand legislators pass policies that protect immigrant families by ending all formal and informal collusion with the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

Legislation that will protect immigrant Marylanders includes [SB 245/HB444](#) which would create a [clean ban on local 287\(g\) collaboration agreements](#). The legislation has passed both the House and the Senate and is awaiting the Governor’s signature.

Advocates are also calling for passage of [the Community Trust Act \(SB791\)](#) which sponsor and Legislative Black Caucus Chair Phillips just dropped Thursday. The Community Trust Act is needed to 1) affirm that correctional facilities must have a judicial warrant to detain, or prolong a person’s detention, in order to transfer them to ICE and 2) stop police and correctional officers from facilitating immigration arrests by reaching out to ICE directly with information about people who encounter law enforcement. Additionally, HB1262/ SB 854, a bill that would define racial profiling and affirmatively codify a ban on the practice for all law enforcement in Maryland, including federal agents, is being called on for clean passage. These measures are necessary to protect immigrant communities and ensure that state and local resources are not used to support federal immigration enforcement actions.

**WHAT:** Emergency rally & vigil urging lawmakers to pass legislation limiting state collaboration with federal immigration enforcement, arguing that increased policing and surveillance make communities less safe.

**WHO:** ACLU Maryland, CASA, NAACP Washington County Branch, Together We Will Harford County, NAACP Garret County Branch, Montgomery County Immigrants Rights Collective, Progressive Maryland, Students for Asylum & Immigrants Rights, Indivisible Maryland Coalition, Delegate Williams (287g ban house sponsor), Delegate Ruff (Racial Profiling bill sponsor), Delegate Phillips (Black Caucus Chair and Community Trust Act sponsor), Delegate Martinez (Latino Caucus Chair) and impacted Marylanders and community members.

**WHEN:** Monday, February 16, at 5:30pm ET (President's Day)

**WHERE:** Lawyers Mall Annapolis, Maryland 21401

**MEDIA AVAILABILITY:** Spokespeople will be available for interviews onsite during and after the rally.

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