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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF EXPEDITED BILL 35-25
Promoting Community Trust - Immigrant Protections Act

TO: Council President Fani-González, Vice President Balcombe, and members of the County Council

FROM: Anna Tubiash Levy

My name is Anna Tubiash Levy. I am a resident of Rockville in District 4. I am submitting this testimony in support of Expedited Bill 35-25, Promoting Community Trust – Immigrant Protections Act.

Thank you Council President Fani-Gonzalez for your leadership and to all of the Councilmembers for your support of this important bill.

I am proud to live as a resident of Montgomery County and celebrate the diversity of cultures that make our community a wonderful place to live. I am a member of Tikvat Israel Congregation in Rockville, Jews United for Justice, SEA Change and Action in Montgomery. My Jewish values and traditions include respect for every human being and support and caring for all members of our community. Each one of us, no matter where we were born, is critical to providing the services and substance of a healthy and welcoming community. I believe that it is immoral to tear apart families and to generate fear amongst those who live, work, and visit in our communities.

My grandparents came to the United States from Eastern Europe, fleeing oppression and poverty. As do the immigrants today, they wanted to raise my parents in a place of safety and opportunity. This bill will put into law the protections that we should all be given; to live and raise our children in safety and without fear. Our homes, schools, places of worship and public spaces must be accessible and safe for everyone, protected from warrantless discrimination. Each of us should be able to report crimes without the threat of deportation, protecting all of our community and allowing our local law enforcement officers to do their job and not that of ICE.

I urge the Council to pass Expedited Bill 35-25, Promoting Community Trust, quickly and without any weakening amendments.