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**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF EXPEDITED BILL 35-25,
THE PROMOTING COMMUNITY TRUST – IMMIGRANT PROTECTIONS ACT**

From Community Vision for Takoma

[Community Vision for Takoma](#), a grassroots network of Takoma residents and neighbors, writes in strong support of Expedited Bill 35-25, the Promoting Community Trust – Immigrant Protections Act, which updates and codifies into law County policies established by County Executive Marc Elrich in 2019.

Passing this bill is essential to protect the rights and safety of all residents – immigrants and non-immigrants alike – regardless of who may serve as County Executive in the future, and to prevent County resources from being wrongly diverted to often brutal federal immigration enforcement activities.

We stand in solidarity with the more than 30 percent of County residents in our immigrant communities, and urge you to make rapid passage of this bill a top priority. The County must act to resist the climate of fear that the increasing incidence of aggressive federal immigration actions threatens to impose.

As County Council President Natali Fani-González eloquently put it, in her remarks introducing this bill:

“This legislation is urgently needed because we are facing a wanton, exclusive, cruel, and, frankly, illegal federal immigration regime that is ripping families apart without due process across the country and right here in Montgomery County . . . These measures are about transparency, safety and trust. We know from history that our County thrives when we welcome immigrants and work together to build stronger communities. Reactionary policies that push people into the shadows don’t work—and they contradict our values.”

We urge you to pass this bill as soon as possible. We also urge you to consider any amendments to strengthen this legislation that may be submitted by leaders of immigrant rights groups, who are courageously leading on-the-ground efforts to sustain our families and communities in these harrowing times.

Thank you,
Colleen Cordes and Paul Huebner, on behalf of Community Vision for Takoma