

**Montgomery County Council  
Legislative Branch**

**Testimony IN FAVOR OF Expedited Bill 35-25  
January 13, 2026**

Expedited Bill 35-25 is a welcome and vital step toward protecting residents of Montgomery County. Most immigrants, legal or otherwise, are peaceable and needed workers. Federal immigration practices are currently:

- **Overreaching:** while communicating to the public that criminals are targeted, in fact, members of peacefully working families are being deported.
- **Terrorizing:** Masked and unidentifiable ICE members use unnecessary violence, lethal and otherwise, against their targets and others.
- **Discriminatory:** ICE is targeting people of color regardless of legal status.

In view of the wholly inappropriate use of federal power to “disappear” people from their workplaces, children’s schools and city streets, the County should not cooperate with federal law enforcement efforts to round up and remove people from our County.

Thank you for considering this testimony and please vote for Expedited Bill 35-25.

Respectfully,

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