

My name is Silvia A. Huezo and I am a resident of Montgomery County's 5th district. I am writing in support of the Trust Act (Expedited Bill 35-25.) As a resident of this county and as an American citizen deeply concerned about the inhumane and dangerous nature of our country's current immigration policies, I am urging you to pass this bill. It is not enough to post signs in our yards or to share the atrocities on social media when our literal neighbors are being targeted and detained while simply trying to exist. On our way to Sunday mass my children witnessed a community member being detained and ripped away from his family. Though we had prepared our children for this moment, I watched as the innocence left their eyes. Now, imagine the children whose parents are being taken from them at their doorstep. How can these children, most who are American citizens and my own children, feel safe in their homes, at their school, or at an intersection on their way to church, if we cannot trust in the people working in our local government and institutions? The time in your career that will define you is here! This moment exposes the failings of past leaders both locally and nationally to address legalization of our undocumented neighbors. This bill should serve as the first step of many towards protecting the dignity and rights of our immigrant population. Montgomery county belongs to all of us and immigrants belong here!