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Honorable Matthew Fader
Chief Justice of Supreme Court of Maryland
Robert C Murphy Courts of Appeal Building
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Dear Chief Justice Fader,

We have recently become aware of cases where certain members of the judiciary have released criminal illegal immigrants with significantly reduced sentences. For example, two convicted sex offenders and pedophiles were recently granted shortened sentences:

- Raul Caleron-Interiano, convicted of sex offenses and assault, was originally sentenced to six years in prison, but a Baltimore County judge suspended the entire prison term.
- Luis Portillo-Henriquez, a repeat criminal offender, was convicted of numerous crimes, including several sex offenses such as sexual abuse of a minor. He was initially given a 25-year prison term, but the court suspended all but 18 months of his sentence.

We hope that judicial decisions are made with the understanding that dangerous criminals with ICE detainers would be held until they could be picked up by ICE and deported. It is inconceivable to us that responsible judges would grant such reduced sentences to convicted sex offenders and pedophiles, leading to their release back into the same communities in which they committed these crimes. As you are aware, sex offenders, especially pedophiles, have an extremely high rate of reoffending and abusing other children.

There has been a concerning trend of ignoring ICE detainers in many counties and Baltimore City, with approximately 70% of them disregarded in Baltimore County in fiscal year 2023. Recently, Montgomery County Executive Marc Elrich has recognized that convicted violent criminals and sex offenders should be held in cooperation with ICE, contributing to a safer community. We applaud that cooperation.

We respectfully request that judges be strongly encouraged to impose a springing order, or take similar action, on convicted dangerous, violent illegal aliens with known ICE detainers. This

would ensure that they are not released into our communities but are instead processed and deported by ICE.

Thank you for your service to the people of Maryland.

Sincerely,



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