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To Members of the Frederick City Council:

The Frederick County Democratic Central Committee strongly urges Frederick’s City Council to adopt as soon as possible new Chapter 33, Article II to the City Code. That new Article would codify “The City Values Act Immigration Enforcement Guidance,” recently discussed in a City Council work session. That new Article generally would:

- Prohibit City employees from assisting Immigration and Customs Enforcement (“ICE”) access to non-public facilities without a judicial warrant or exigent circumstances;
- Bar use of City property for ICE enforcement activities, including surveillance, staging, processing, and detention, unless required by law; and
- Restrict immigration status inquiries by City employees, unless legally required.

Adoption of these Guidelines will help to ensure fairness, safety, and inclusivity for all City residents, thus fostering trust between immigrant communities and Frederick City and protecting the City’s vulnerable populations from unlawful ICE activities. They also will help to ensure that the City continues to comply with constitutional standards while preserving valuable resources for local priorities.

Respectfully,

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