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Justice Department Announces Removal of Baltimore County from Sanctuary Jurisdiction List following Memorandum of Understanding with ICE to Collaborate on Immigration Enforcement

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WASHINGTON – Today, the Department of Justice announced the removal of Baltimore County, Maryland, as a designated sanctuary jurisdiction after the County recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding with ICE to collaborate on immigration enforcement. This follows the Department publishing a list of <u>sanctuary jurisdictions</u> on August 5th, 2025, in accordance with President Donald J. Trump's <u>Executive Order 14287</u>.

The list initially included Baltimore County and has now been updated following work between the Administration and the County – the second removal since the list's publishing. Following Baltimore County's removal from the list, Associate Attorney General Stanley Woodward released the following statement:

"Despite restrictions from state leadership, Baltimore County has shown a willingness to cooperate with federal immigration enforcement. This is a small step toward restoring public safety and we appreciate the county's commitment to updating its policies."