



News Release

Office of the Comptroller Releases Statement on the Passing of Julián Curo-Churata

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (October 9, 2026) — The Office of the Comptroller today issued the following statement on the tragic passing of Julián Curo-Churata while in ICE custody.

“Julián Curo-Churata’s death at the hands of ICE is outrageous and heartbreaking. He should be alive today and with his family.

“The Office of the Comptroller does not coordinate with ICE or the Department of Homeland Security in any way. The Office has no information indicating that Mr. Curo-Churata’s Maryland tax information was provided to ICE at any time or that the agency’s records were used as a basis for his arrest. Under Maryland law, a judicial order is required for ICE or DHS to obtain taxpayer information. Our agency takes the legal obligation to protect the confidentiality of taxpayer information extremely seriously.

“Using government records or routine interactions with government agencies to facilitate immigration enforcement raises serious concerns about trust, privacy, and the basic expectation that people can engage with their government without putting themselves or their families at risk.

“Comptroller Lierman condemns the methods that ICE is using and the actions its agents are taking in our nation and in our state – actions that target so many of our neighbors and community members with violence and that have separated thousands of

parents from their children. These tragedies are unnecessary, and we urge ICE to cease these violent interventions.”

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