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## Oppose SB 523, "Professional/Occupational Licenses for Illegal Aliens"

As a naturalized citizen who has lived in Maryland for over 56 years, I believe legislators should make no laws that use tax dollars for illegal aliens.

My family immigrated legally as did a large number of others from various countries. We were required to complete all the immigration requirements before being admitted to the US. My parents, two brothers and I had to have proof of vaccination and a sponsor before we were approved to come here.

Federal immigration laws must be enforced and immigration procedures must be followed before allowing people from other countries to be here. If not, then those here undocumented have broken the US Immigration Laws. America is a land of law and order and expects respect of the laws..

I request an unfavorable vote on this SB-523 for the following reasons, it:

### Violates and Undermines Federal Law

Federal law is plainly designed to preclude illegal aliens from receiving commercial and professional licenses as a "public benefit" under 8 U.S.C. § 1621.

- Granting a professional license to illegal aliens frustrates the purpose and objectives of federal immigration law.
- Illegal aliens have no legal right to remain in the United States and are prohibited from being employed; granting them occupational licenses helps them directly violate the law.

### Is Unfair to U.S. Citizens and Legal Immigrants

- Professionals are expected to follow the law and be held to high standards yet these licenses are privileges being granted to people who violate the law every day.
- If illegal aliens can gain these benefits, this is a slap in the face to legal immigrants who've waited years and spent thousands of dollars to come here the right way.
- Licensing illegal aliens deprives citizens and legal immigrants of job and business opportunities.

### Acts as a Magnet For More Illegal Immigration

- Every benefit at taxpayer expense a state gives to illegal aliens encourages more illegal immigration
- Illegal immigration acts a drain on state resources that could otherwise be spent on citizens and legal immigrants

Maryland taxpayers already spend too much paying for illegal aliens and don't need to spend even more.

For all these reasons and the safety of our community, I request an unfavorable vote.