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Members of the Senate Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee  
Maryland General Assembly

RE: SB 0523

I am writing to state my opposition to this bill which proposes professional/occupational licenses for illegal aliens. My reasons are in three categories: (1) the bill violates and subverts Federal law, (2) the bill is unfair to U.S. Citizens and legal immigrants and (3) the bill encourages more illegal immigration.

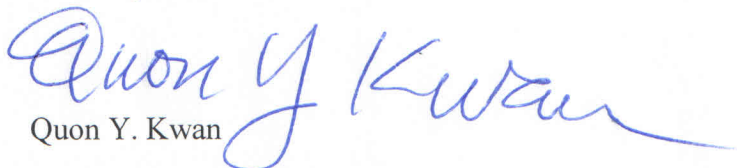
The bill violates and subverts Federal Law as stipulated under 8 U.S.C. 1621. The bill frustrates the purpose and objectives of Federal immigration law, which should pre-empt any state laws. Illegal aliens do not have any legal rights to reside in the U.S. or to seek employment in the U.S.

The bill is unfair to U.S. Citizens and legal immigrants. Allowing illegal immigrants to gain professional/occupational licenses unfairly allows them to compete with U.S. Citizens and legal immigrants. Only U.S. Citizens and legal immigrants should enjoy the privileges of professional/occupational licensing. Allowing illegal aliens to gain the same benefits as U.S. Citizens and legal immigrants is a slap in the face to legal immigrants who've waited years and spent thousands of dollars to come to the U.S. the right way. Licensing illegal aliens deprives citizens and legal immigrants of job and business opportunities.

This bill encourages more illegal immigration. Every benefit at taxpayer expense that a state gives to illegal aliens encourages more illegal immigration. Illegal immigration acts like 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.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my opposition to SB 0523.

Sincerely,

  
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