

HB 454

Health and Government Operations

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Opposed

My name is Amy Waychoff and I have lived in Montgomery County for over 35 years. Thank you for this opportunity to testify. I am opposed to HB 454, Health Occupations – Licenses, Certificates, and Registrations – Immigrants, because it provides a benefit to people who are in the country illegally. Maryland already has a number of laws that make it a sanctuary for illegal aliens; this bill would act as a magnet to attract even more illegal aliens into our state. Moreover, this bill is trying to circumvent Federal law, “8 U.S. Code § 1324a - Unlawful employment of aliens.” Finally, this bill comes with a hefty cost. The Board of Nursing estimates that beginning with the second year of implementation, the bill would cost a minimum of \$337,100 annually, in part because of the need to verify the applicant’s education and training with the Commission of Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools.

For all of these reasons, please give HB 454 an unfavorable report.

Thank you.