

I would like to ask how is this bill, SB0705, going to be funded? We do know the answer to that question because it will be the hard working Maryland Taxpayers. While I am for helping all persons, Maryland citizens will be at an extreme disadvantage by this legislation. Some of my neighbors are working two or three jobs just to make ends meet and they do not have the luxury of free medical care. They have to spend a good portion of their income on medical care. Our seniors are on a fixed income and many find it hard to pay for the medications they need. If you have a money tree and can pay for this service without costing the Maryland Taxpayers anything, then that would be palatable. However, we know who will end up paying for this and it is not by someone finding a pot of gold at the end of a rainbow. This legislation will hurt the taxpaying citizens, which you are supposed to represent and help.

The other serious problem is that there is no accountability. One could rent a post office Box Under an assumed name and then apply for this free medical care. That person would be able to have free medical care as well. The only ones who profit from this type of scam would be health clinics (walk-in clinics or hospitals, which are mostly For-Profit LLC); the patients get substandard care, the taxpayer foots the bill but the “for-profit health facilities get the money.

Thank you for your service and please consider the taxpayers who are your constituents and who pay your salary.