

Please oppose SB850, SB901 and SB903

Dear committee members,

My name is Yin Zheng. This is the fourth time I have come here to testify against sanctuary bills. I oppose SB850, SB901 and SB903, which will convert Maryland into a sanctuary state.

America, to me, is a place where justice is served fairly and appropriately; however, I have noticed that certain people always seem to be exempt from the law. If that is to be allowed, then can one truly consider immigration law a bona fide law at all? If immigration law is selective in whom it applies to and optional for some, why should we have these laws in place at all?

Fourteen years ago, I applied for my sister to immigrate here. At the time of the application, her son was a young child, and after 14 years long & tedious years, he became an adult and was no longer eligible to accompany his parents. During the application process, she had to undergo background checks to prove that she didn't have any criminal record, and she had to provide a birth certificate, immunization record up to date, a list of places she had lived, and her education & working history. As a legal immigrant applicant, you are required to yield everything that ICE requests of you. Your visa will not be granted until you provide everything to immigration offices; nevertheless, if you somehow break the law to enter this country, you will be offered special protection, and nobody can inquire about your immigration status and anything about you. This is penalizing law-abiding people and unfairly rewarding those who willingly disobey this nation's laws.

No wonder there are always people who seek to break the law: mainly because our legislators are the ones who *enable* them.

I feel deep sorrow for the Angel wife and Angel moms who testified several times at the hearings in Annapolis. What is wrong with our legislation here? Why we are so lenient to criminals but risking those who are here to protect us (FBI agents/police officers) This is immoral!

Immigrants don't come here solely because they want a better life; they arrive here because they love America and its values, and they honor qualities of law and order that makes this country so great. They don't come here to despise America and express their animosity.

Immigrants are frequently misunderstood by lawmakers and are often weaponized to push political agendas and are also used to sow division within the immigrant community. Please end this madness. Get to know the average legal immigrant, their tribulations, their struggles, and their views; by doing so, you will finally comprehend *why* they oppose sanctuary laws. **SB850, SB901 and SB903 are pursuing prohibiting any cooperation or exchange of information with Federal Immigration officials.**

These bills would handcuff our public entities in their effort to keep our community safe, and it would risk the safety of the public as a whole. What is the true purpose of this bill? Our legislators are busy creating safe havens for some while completely ignoring the fact that our police officers and law enforcement agents are being killed by illegal aliens.

Please oppose SB850, SB901 and SB903. Thank you for your time.

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