



MARYLAND FEDERATION
of
Republican Women

The Honorable Luke Clippinger, Chairman
And Members of the Judiciary Committee

Re: HB 403 – Immigration Enforcement – Public Schools, Hospitals & Courthouses – Polices – OPPOSED

Dear Chairman Clippinger and Committee Members,

The Maryland Federation of Republican Women oppose HB 403 – “Limit to the greatest extent possible” civil immigration enforcement at public schools, hospitals and courthouses. From the Fiscal/Policy Note of this legislation we know that the U.S. Immigration agency already has in place a “sensitive location” policy. This legislation is unnecessary. It is also a dangerous precedent to make policies that deliberately ignore violation of laws that can lead to chaos and increased crime.

To enact policies to hide the citizenship status of a person accused of a crime could cause a magistrate, prosecutor or judge to release a person who is a flight risk, or repeat danger to the community. Such policies could cause a principal at a school to fail to notify law enforcement when a danger to students or staff occur. Hospitals treat people who have been injured while committing crimes, and this legislation would prohibit Federal law enforcement from taking them into custody?

Yes, there have been times when Federal Immigration officials have made mistakes, but there are far more times that innocent people – citizens and legal and illegal immigrants--have been maimed or killed by people here illegally – like 8 rapes in one month in Montgomery County in 2019. What will be the next law to be ignored? At what point do we stop being “a nation of laws” and become a nation of lawlessness?

Please give HB 403 an Unfavorable Report.

Sincerely,

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