

# OPPOSE all Sanctuary Bills

HB388 & HB403 - SB903, & SB850

Dear House Judiciary Committee Members and Senate,

I am Brigitta Mullican from Rockville and represent voters I spoke with during my Rockville Election campaign while delivering over 13,000 campaign door hangers. The news of the nine Illegal Alien Sex Assaults reported in Montgomery County and the sanctuary topic was constantly asked of me. They were shocked and dismayed by the rapes of the young girls by illegal aliens and they are opposed to sanctuary policies.

I am speaking for this group of voters about our county executive's immigration policy. We believe it is a big concern since it keeps law enforcement officers from cooperating with ICE. Releasing illegal aliens back in the community does not help the victims. We have witnessed what has happened in California with their Sanctuary policies and we don't want it to happen in Maryland.

This is my third year to ask legislators to not approve any Maryland Sanctuary Bills that will provide Sanctuary policies for illegal aliens. Sanctuary policies threaten public safety, are expensive, and put National Security at risk, and impact Public School Systems. Also, immigration violations are crimes.

Politicians who declare jurisdictions to be sanctuaries for illegal immigrants who commit crimes are needlessly endangering their law-abiding citizens and immigrants legal and illegal alike.

Prohibiting government officials from notifying federal agents of criminal illegal aliens in our state, even while incarcerated for a violent crime is **WRONG**.

Why would our State and local law enforcement agencies consider not to interact with federal immigration law? Isn't this why illegal immigrants continue to commit a crime after being released? I hope you remember the NYC incident that President Trump talked about. An Illegal killed a 92-year-old woman in NYC. He had had multiple arrests. This could have been avoided.

Illegal immigration is a huge burden to state and local governments, costing the U.S. taxpayers an estimated \$116 billion annually. A majority of this expense – \$85.5 billion – is borne by state and local taxpayers. A 2017 FAIR study found that the State of Maryland spent \$2.4 billion on costs associated with illegal immigration, including costs pertaining to education, health care, administration of justice and law enforcement, public assistance, and general government services. By giving illegal aliens a place to live and work where they can go undetected,

sanctuary policies encourage further illegal immigration that only serves to increase these costs.

Please do not approve any Bills like HB 388 and HB 403 that would lead Maryland to become a sanctuary state.

Thank you for considering the safety of our community and supporting our legal immigrants who came here legally by following the laws.

Sincerely,

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PS. The term: Illegal Alien ~ According to the Immigration Reform and Control Act (IRCA) that laid the ground for our current immigration enforcement code, an alien in the country in violation of immigration laws is an “illegal alien.” In Title V of IRCA, there are five references to an illegal alien while the terms “unauthorized” or undocumented” are not mentioned once. The U.S. Government has referred to non-citizens as aliens for over two centuries. The correct terminology has come under attack for political reasons. This does not render it inaccurate or derogatory.

The Immigration and Nationality Act, the underlying statute, is THE basic law of the land and where people should look to understand the law's intent.

For example, the whole point of a 5-year waiting period before a legal immigrant can request citizenship is precisely to determine if that immigrant will contribute to the United States. It is in effect a probationary period which was intended to result in deportation of the immigrant if that person became public charge or committed a crime or otherwise did not prove to be a contributing member of society.

This has ALWAYS been the law.

To give illegal immigrants more lenient treatment under the law than that received by legal immigrants is not only wrong, it serves to attract more illegal immigration by rewarding those aliens who have entered illegally.