

Support for HB0015, Governor's Office of Immigrant Affairs
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I am writing to support the creation of a state-level Office of Immigrant Affairs with the appropriate funding. The bill would establish a network of neighborhood-based centers providing services for immigrants. As a primary care physician at Esperanza Center, a Baltimore-based community center serving immigrants, I know how hard my patients work to achieve their dream of success in America while the system is stacked against them. Too often the state is in the way, rather than at their side; too often they are denied the help they deserve. Your ancestors probably came from a far-off land, escaping violent persecution, finding their way to the shores of the US. These immigrants have similar stories. They are our relatives and neighbors. Please take action to let the state support, not hinder them.