



MARYLAND FEDERATION  
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Republican Women

The Honorable Maggie McIntosh., Chairman  
And Members of the House Appropriations Committee

Re: HB 15 – Governor's Office of Immigrant Affairs – MFRW- OPPOSED

Dear Delegates:

The more than 1300 members of the Maryland Federation of Republican Women oppose HB 15.

HB 15 creates a new department within the Governor's administration. This office would exist to assist primarily undocumented non-citizens and would be very costly. While it is a noble goal and desire to help all residents of Maryland, spending more Maryland tax dollars and creating more bureaucracy does not seem the best way to accomplish this task.

There are already non-profit organizations established in our State who provide the types of services described in this bill. Why should Maryland tax dollars go to help this one particular group of individuals when they are not going to provide the same assistance to all Maryland tax-paying citizens?

We are facing severe economic hardships in our State due to the Pandemic. Our budget is already stretched to the maximum trying to help the citizens of the State. Now is definitely not the time to be adding an additional fiscal burden to the budget. Instead, work with the groups already helping in this part of the population with existing programs.

Please give HB 15 an Unfavorable Report.

Sincerely,

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