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My reasons to oppose SB 85, Create a Governor's Office of Immigrant Affairs, are:

1. Why should we provide taxpayer's assistance to illegal aliens when we have a need to help legal immigrants and American citizens?
2. Illegal aliens have broken Federal laws to come here. My parents immigrated following all the requirements with waiting, having good health and being sponsored. My father had to show he had a profession so he could be employed. If my parents were unable to make it here financially, the sponsor was responsible to pay for our return to Germany. There also was a quota to how many people could immigrate to the US, Canada or Australia from Germany. There needs to be a control on how many immigrants are allowed. There is a big financial burden with illegal immigration.
3. The US has laws that the Office of Immigration and Customs Enforcement are required to follow. We are a land of law and order and need to control immigration laws. Maryland should respect the Federal laws.
4. When immigration laws are not enforced it attracts more illegal immigrants. This results in higher costs of living, reduced job availability, lower wages, overcrowded public schools and higher crime rates. Maryland citizens should not bear the cost of illegal immigration.
5. The COVID-19 pandemic has already strained state resources dramatically: Maryland cannot afford new offices and programs that do not directly benefit Marylanders.

Please do not approve SB 85 to Create a Governor's Office of Immigrant Affairs.