

Dear Sir or Madam:

As a Maryland resident I'm disappointed by the constant attempt to modify the law to support those who are not following the law. We have a path to citizenship in the United States that has made new citizens of over 7.4 million people. I applaud them for doing so.

However, just because the path to citizenship is lengthy and may be cost prohibitive for some, does not mean that we should legislate around it. Those who are here illegally (that is to say, who are here intentionally not following our laws), are more likely to break other laws.

Providing taxpayer-funding to legal representation for illegal aliens is a perversion to the justice system. It takes someone who is living outside of our laws and grants them rights they are not privy to, nor should they be. Providing taxpayer-funding to legal representation is unfair because it is unavailable to legal immigrants who are required to pay out of their own pockets for civil proceedings.

Law enforcement exists to ensure that your public, the ones who voted for you, are safe and able to live our lives without being impacted by those who are not following the law of the land. This bill would conflict with federal law.

I fail to see how the state of Maryland and its taxpayers can afford another expense at a time when we are hemorrhaging money for the pandemic, and business owners are losing their businesses due to poorly management shutdowns.

In addition, this bill seems to be in conflict with federal law which prohibits the federal law that requires aliens who wish to be represented by legal counsel do so at no cost to the government.

If Maryland continues working towards sanctuary policies, we will become more attractive to more illegal immigration which will only result in higher costs of living, reduced job availability, lower wages, and even higher crime rates. Something Maryland can ill afford.

I am following our processes in the state of Maryland to object to this bill, and any like it. I will not vote for anyone who supports legislation like this now, or ever.

Sincerely,

R. Aaron Walton