

Delegate Shane E. Pendergrass, Chair
and Members of The Health and Government Operations Committee
Maryland House of Delegates
Annapolis, MD

RE: HB 1080- Maryland Medical Assistance Program (Healthy Babies Equity Act)- **OPPOSE**

Dear Chair Pendergrass and Members of The Committee,

The desire to grant the right of medical financial assistance to pregnant women who are non-citizens is incomprehensible. It is beyond my comprehension as to why the government is seeking to provide ant sort of assistance to an individual that is residing in Maryland illegally. It is my personal opinion that:

- women who are residing in Maryland illegally, **have no rights**: certainly not that of free/discounted medical care and medical care of their child/children from birth to one year old. Additionally,
- it is unfair to hard-working Maryland taxpayers to be forced to pay for all health care for non-citizen pregnant women, the birth of their child/children and the medical care of said baby until the child reaches one year of age. Our dollars are stretched too far as it is.

Our resources would be better spent focusing on making health care more efficient and affordable for legal Maryland citizens.

Please take a step towards the fairness and equality for which this Presidential Administration says they are striving. Vote an UNFAVORABLE report against HB 1080 (Healthy Babies Equity Act).

Thank you for your time,

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