

SB0129 - Oppose
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First of all the language in this bill is suspiciously vague. "Certain...individuals" in "certain... immigration proceedings" "subject to removal" does not tell the tax payer exactly who is involved and why. Yet the bill for services rendered is presented to the taxpayer. Federal law already prohibits the use of tax dollars in funding alien representation. HB0114 is also grossly inequitable. The taxpayer is made to pay for legal services of the non-taxpayer, yet there isn't a program of equal value made available to assist the taxpayer with their civil representation issues. This particular state program is to be handled by a corporation which would be a third party handling this tax money. What is the potential cost of oversight of this third party?

To address "subject to removal", organizations that study illegal immigration have found that deportation is still the most cost effective way of handling these cases. Deportation upholds the rule of federal law and does not waste tax dollars. Promoting illegal alien activity enriches the Mexican cartels and allows the federal government to break its own laws and disregard the rulings issued by the Supreme Court.

I do not see the benefit of facilitating the presence of illegal aliens in our state. Their presence is not merit based, yet their cost of housing, food, education, incarceration, their use of the judicial system as well as their wear on our infrastructure and natural resources is enormous. The red carpet, which Maryland legislators have rolled out for illegal aliens, has placed Maryland second out of the fifty states in MS-13 gang activity. Gang activity seems to be the acceptable term for Hispanic on Hispanic crime. What communities benefit from encouraging illegal immigration?

Tax dollars are not a loan to legislators to do whatever they please. I want a return on the money I pay in taxes. Spending on better care for our elderly, more charter schools, more police, tax breaks for those parents who home school etc. would offer a return on investment. Let's not perpetuate the monetary waste that sanctioning illegal immigration has created.