

Oppose Right to Counsel in Immigration Proceedings (HB 114/ SB 129)

- Illegal aliens should not be provided taxpayer-funded legal representation. The law provides legal representation for criminal prosecutions only. Most immigration proceedings, including removal proceedings are civil and do not trigger free representation. The Supreme Court has ruled that deportation is not a punishment but rather a civil administrative procedure whereby an illegal alien is returned to their homeland.
- Americans do not even get free legal representation in Civil Proceedings.
- Giving Illegal Aliens superior rights above American Citizens is unconscionable, appalling, outrageous and completely unacceptable.
- Providing taxpayer-funded legal representation is unfair because it is unavailable to legal aliens or citizens who are required to pay out of their own pockets for their own civil legal proceedings.
- Providing taxpayer-funded legal representation to illegal aliens further strains the state's limited financial resources in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic
- Providing legal representation to illegal aliens frustrates federal law which expressly prohibits the federal government from funding illegal aliens in removal proceedings. Aliens who wish to be represented by legal counsel are free to do so, but federal law requires that it must be offered at no cost to the government.
- We have children with special needs in Howard County who cannot get the support they need in schools because we are told there is no money. Take care of American children first. When every need of Americans is met then we can talk about funding illegal aliens' needs. Until then not one penny to illegal aliens.
- Stop putting the needs of adult illegal (criminal) aliens above the needs of American children with special needs.
- We have American veterans who cannot get the services they need because we are told there is no money.
- We have American Women and children on the streets without food and medicine because we are told there is no money to house or support them.
- We have American Senior citizens who eat cat food because they have to choose between food or medicine because we are told there is no money to help them.

- We have American mentally ill citizens who live on the streets or in mental hell because we are told there is no money to help them.
- Stop forgoing the needs of Americans to help illegal criminal aliens.
- You took an oath to Americans not illegal criminal aliens. You are violating your fiduciary duty and you are putting your bonds at risk

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