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Delegate Luke Clippinger, Chairman And Members of the Judiciary Committee Maryland House of Delegates Annapolis, Maryland

RE: HB 756 - Corrections - Transfers to Federal Authorities - Undocumented Immigrants - SUPPORT

Dear Chairman Clippinger and Committee Members,

HB 756 proposes a limited and targeted opportunity for cooperation between Federal Homeland Security officials and State and local correctional facilities for removal of undocumented immigrants convicted of serious crimes or who participated in criminal street gangs as defined in Federal law. The Maryland Federation of Republican Women strongly supports HB 756.

For our democracy to prosper all people must be safe in their homes and in their person. Criminal street gangs have taken root in this country and many people have been brutely tortured and murdered at their hands. A clear example from 2019, is that of the young man who was stabbed 99 times by gang members in Landover Hills, Maryland. His body was transported to Stafford County, VA and dumped on the side of the road and set on fire. Others have been raped, intimidated and accosted by these same gangs. Most often, the victims are other immigrants both those here legally and those who came here illegally.

Removing undocumented immigrants who have committed serious crimes, or who are active in criminal street gangs, or who have engaged in terrorism or espionage from the United States is imperative for the safety of all – citizens and immigrants alike.

HB 756 is a reasonable, limited and very targeted response to the need to keep all Marylanders' safe.

Please give HB 756 a FAVORABLE report.

Sincerely, Ella Ennis Legislative Chairman