

Favorable HB 756
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I have participated in city, county and state forums in which Democrat representatives have defined federal immigration detainers as “requests” for detention. Detainers are in fact federal red flags signaling local jurisdictions that persons involved in criminal, often violent criminal activity, terrorism or espionage are present in their judicial system.

Delegate Szeliga’s bill, HB 756, is an effort to stem the coddling of illegal alien criminals by the state of Maryland. This bill requires state and local law enforcement to relinquish custody of the undocumented criminal upon request by Homeland Security. This bill addresses those who have already been convicted of criminal activity. They have already been convicted and may be in custody. When Maryland law enforcement is legislatively prohibited from honoring federal detainers the Maryland representative’s duty to protect Maryland citizens is abandoned. Lack of cooperation with federal agencies defies logic.

A Center for Immigration Studies 2019 statistic places Maryland second in MS-13 activity. Because of the democrat policy of open borders, it is conceivable that Maryland may now surpass California and lead in MS-13 activity. As reported by Laura Ingram in her expose on the distribution of illegal aliens from the border to communities throughout the country, Maryland is a top destination. Because of the fact that none of the border crossers are vetted or detained, it follows that criminal activity will only increase in Maryland. Unless we cooperate with Homeland Security Maryland will not be ready to handle this new influx of illegal alien criminal activity.