

HB 136 Child Support Enforcement – Occupational and Recreational Licenses – Taxpayer Identification Number

Bill Sponsors: Delegate Moon

Committee: Judiciary

Organization Submitting: Lower Shore Progressive Caucus

Person Submitting: Sam Harvey

Position: Favorable

I am submitting this testimony in favor of HB 136 on behalf of the Lower Shore Progressive Caucus. The Caucus is a political and activist organization on the Eastern Shore, unaffiliated with any political party, committed to empowering working people by building a Progressive movement of the Lower Eastern Shore.

HB 136 stands to put hard-working but as-yet undocumented residents on the good foot. It is of benefit to the conscientious - Taxpayer Identification Numbers (TINs) are for workers who are trying to get onto the books, over the table.

It remains to be seen whether these folks will gain access to the programs and services their tax payments fund, but they are paying taxes nonetheless. They're literally buying into the American experiment - that's real sincerity.

By making it possible for people to obtain a driver's license with a TIN, we can continue opening doors for those who are doing it as right as it can be done. This is a win-win: opportunity for those who are hungry to

be productive and contribute, and the beginning of an answer to increasing labor shortages.

Bills like HB 136 show it's possible to realize the ideal of treating new neighbors the way we all wish our own ancestors had been treated: welcomed and encouraged - toward the growth of this country in a better way.

The Lower Shore Progressive Caucus supports this bill and recommends a **FAVORABLE** report in committee.