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OPPOSE SB 705, Health Insurance - Qualified Resident Enrollment Program (Access to Care Act)

Please oppose this Bill 705. We have a moral obligation and responsibility to take care of our **citizens first**. My parents came to America when I was 7 years old. They did not have health insurance or any free government services. They worked hard like most Americans. They were lucky to have had six children in good health and little medical needs. Both parents paid social security all their working years.

As a Montgomery County taxpayer since 1968 and continuing to pay Maryland, County, and City of Rockville taxes, I object to legislators approving the use of taxpayer's money for undocumented people, especially illegal aliens. We have American citizens who need more support. There are too many more pressing needs in our local communities.

With continuing free services by our government, it encourages the rest of the world to come here and take our hard-earned money. It is unfair!

Is it true that anyone can come to Maryland to get health care without residence verification and that anyone can use a friend's address to qualify? What kind of control is there for this?

Is it true you want to provide funds to 400,00 undocumented immigrants to purchase health insurance on the Maryland exchange? How many free services will you continue to approve encouraging people to drain our Maryland budgets? Please consider the taxpayers who disagree with this legislation.

Thank you for your service and please listen to your constituents who pay your salary.