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The Honorable Luke Clippinger, Chairman
and Members of the Judiciary Committee
Maryland House of Delegates
Annapolis, Maryland

RE: **HB0403** – Correctional Services – Transfer to Federal Authorities – Undocumented Immigrants –
FAVORABLE

Dear Chairman Clippinger and Committee Members,

The 1,154 members of the Maryland Federation of Republican Women support HB0403 to require transfer of an illegal immigrant to the United States Department of Homeland Security if the individual:

- 1) has engaged in or is suspected of terrorism or espionage, or otherwise poses a danger to national security;
- 2) has been convicted of an offense of which an element is active participation in a criminal street gang, as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 521;
- 3) is at least 16 years old and intentionally participated in a criminal street gang, as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 521, to further illegal activities; or
- 4) has been convicted of an aggravated felony, as defined in 8 U.S.C. § 1101.

Each of these cited activities is a **serious threat to the safety and well-being of Maryland citizens and to citizens of the United States as a whole**. It is imperative that the State and its 24 local jurisdictions **cooperate with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security** to remove such individuals from our country. Maryland citizens and immigrant residents (both legal and illegal) are threatened and harmed by these individuals.

We were shocked and saddened by the atrocious attack in Harford County that resulted in the death of Rachel Morin. It would be bad enough if this were the only case, but it is not. In Prince George's County a few years ago, a young man was stabbed 100 times and his body dumped in Virginia. There are many more examples. It is time to reduce these threats to our citizens.

Please vote a **FAVORABLE** report for **HB0403**.

Sincerely,
Ella Ennis
Legislative Chairman