

Written Testimony for **HB 85**: State and Local Government - Sanctuary Policies and Enforcement of Federal Immigration Law (Rachel Morin Act) - Please **VOTE YES** on this bill.

Dear Judiciary Committee:

This bill reads "...FOR the purpose of repealing provisions of law prohibiting law enforcement agents from taking certain actions related to an individual's citizenship or immigration status; prohibiting a county or municipality from adopting, enacting, or enforcing a sanctuary policy; requiring a county or municipality to cooperate with federal immigration authorities regarding certain individuals unlawfully present in the United States; providing that a certain county or municipality is ineligible for State funds until the county or municipality comes into compliance with this Act; requiring the Attorney General to enforce this Act in a certain manner; and generally relating to sanctuary policies and the enforcement of federal immigration law.."

This bill needs to be passed immediately. This bill keeps all of us in the state of Maryland safe from illegal immigrant criminals that have come into our country en masse since January 20, 2021. Since that date, millions of drug traffickers, murderers, rapists and human and sex traffickers have entered our country without the review process that had been in effect for decades before that. Our hard-working law enforcement officers are already overworked and underpaid. And their jobs have become light years harder since January 20, 2021.

Our country has seen drug trafficking increase exponentially, as is the same with human and sex trafficking. Too many people are dying of drug overdoses, especially from Fentanyl, at a rate which is so much higher than before January 20, 2021. Too many people are falling victim to human and sex traffickers. Too many people are falling victim to rapists, just like the victim whose name is on this bill, Rachel Morin.

Rachel Morin left home for a run on the popular Ma & Pa Trail in Harford County and didn't return. The 37-year-old Maryland mother of five was reported missing on August 5, 2023, and her body was found the following day off the trail, sending shockwaves through the county. Victor Martinez Hernandez, an **El Salvador native**, was arrested in June after a 10-month nationwide manhunt. He was extradited to Maryland where he was charged with first-degree murder and rape. Law enforcement believed Martinez Hernandez hid in a drainage culvert and attacked Morin while she was walking.

Our streets and even our neighborhoods are not nearly as safe as they used to be, due to the mass illegal immigration from January 20, 2021 - January 20, 2025. We desperately need to make our great country safe again.

Therefore, please **VOTE YES** on this bill.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

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A Very Concerned Mother of 3 and Maryland Resident