

I write in support HB630.

Article 24 of the Maryland Constitution Declaration of Rights states "That no man ought to be taken or imprisoned or disseized of his freehold, liberties or privileges, or outlawed, or exiled, or, in any manner, destroyed, or deprived of his life, liberty or property, but by the judgment of his peers, or by the Law of the land."

It is not the law of the land, neither Maryland not federal, to imprison persons in concentration camps without due process. But this is precisely what the current regime has been doing, as has been amply documented by legal decisions as well as by journalists.

As historian Timothy Snyder has succinctly put it, "we are, right now, deciding whether we want to be a land of giant concentration camps and ethnic cleansing." Maryland ought to go into this chapter of our history as a place that proudly said no to tyranny and stood instead on the side of liberty and justice for all.

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