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Dear County Council Members,

Attached you will find *written* testimony for CB63-2020.

Alas, we didn't have time to sign up for oral testimony tonight.

Best,
Paul J. Baicich
ORHoCo Chair



WRITTEN TESTIMONY IN FAVOR OF CB63 - 2020

by Paul J. Baicich, Chair, Our Revolution Howard County

16 November 2020

This written testimony is presented by Our Revolution Howard County, whose members reside in every district in the county. We present this testimony on CB63-2020, the “Liberty Bill,” submitted by Councilmember Opel Jones, concerning protection for foreign-born residents in Howard County.

CB 63 would bring the county in line with formal legal policies in many other municipalities in Maryland, in surrounding regions, and across the country. In this regard, our county’s previous opportunities to “catch up” over the past few years have failed, a sad commentary on the professed “civility” that is supposed to characterize us.

We should be asking ourselves: “Why is it taking us so long to get to this place?” and “How long must our foreign-born neighbors wait before justice is officially secured by the county?”

There are multiple concerns revealed in the Liberty Bill that still need addressing, and we will mention only a few:

- In many regards, CB63 appears vague as well as difficult to enforce. It claims to exempt compliance if it would “contravene state or federal law and international agreements or county contracts.” The residents of the county really need to know what these exemptions are.
- The Liberty Act should explicitly prohibit all County personnel from referring immigrants to ICE, including the reporting to ICE of arrested immigrants and the pending release from detention of immigrant inmates at the Howard County Detention Center (HCDC).
- Howard County has a stated policy that under the current ICE contract, only criminal detainees are accepted. But authorities at the HCDC have admitted that they “never had reason to doubt” ICE’s assertion of criminality of detainees it warehouses in Howard County. The County needs at least to double-check such assertions and maintain regular and rigorous review to assure that there have been no activities by county personnel in violation of the Liberty Act.

The report by the Office of Inspector General at the DHS, released on 28 October, concerning conditions at the HCDC is disturbing. The charge that the Center had multiple violations in contradiction to ICE standards is also an embarrassment to the county, especially since ICE itself has been so sloppy – or harsh in its "zero tolerance" – as to have "lost track" of the parents of a reported 666 children under their charge.

If the same DHS/ICE that can't find these parents maintains, for example, that our county is routinely strip-searching detainees without "documented reasonable suspicion and supervisory approval," it makes a mockery of our celebrated "good reputation."

Again, Howard County has some serious "catching up" to do. Indeed, CB63-2020, if amended to correct some of its flaws, may very well bring us closer to that ideal.

Let's make Howard County safe and proud.

Paul J. Baicich
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Support CB 63

My name is Roslyn Zinner, and I have lived in Long Reach in Columbia for 40 years. I am writing to encourage your support for CB 63-2020. Howard County government has a responsibility to protect everyone who lives here, regardless of immigration status. No one should be afraid to access County programs and services. As ICE has become a rogue agency that treats many of our citizens with disrespect, cruelty, and in violation of human rights, Howard County should not assist ICE in any way. There should be clear consequences for not obeying the law written into it.

These three measures would tighten the bill:

1. Prohibit County personnel, and specifically at the Howard County Detention Center, from referring immigrants and information about immigrants to ICE.
2. Not only County employees, but contractors as well, should be obligated to follow this restriction on reporting to ICE.
3. Prohibit County personnel from reporting to ICE when a detained immigrant is released from the Howard County Detention Center.

Let's make Howard County a place that is safe for all its inhabitants.

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**TESTIMONY BY HESSIE L. HARRIS
HELP SAVE MARYLAND. ORG
BEFORE THE HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL
BILL CB63-2020
November 16, 2020**

Good evening. I am HESSIE L. HARRIS. I am representing HELP SAVE MARYLAND. We are a multi-ethnic grass-roots organization with members state-wide. Our goal is to educate the citizens in Maryland counties, cities, and towns regarding the negative effects of illegal immigration. We are an effective voice for Marylanders who are frustrated with politicians who seem quite indifferent to the rights, interests and welfare of the citizens they are elected and/or appointed to represent.

The paucity of detail shows this bill is vague and if passes, will ultimately be deemed void for vagueness. In that capacity, it also violates due process which requires that the accused know what they are charged with. In attempt at wide application, the bill covers nothing and everything clearly designed to paralyze those charged with enforcing the law from doing so for fear of running afoul of the law.

Now as to the substance. Sanctuary laws are ostensibly passed to facilitate trust between the illegal alien community and police so that illegal aliens feel comfortable reporting crime without fear of deportation. That is a fallacy. Illegal aliens move freely through this county and this state

participating fully in the communities where they live. There is no serious fear of deportation in this state. They do fear the criminal element amongst them who flock to areas with sanctuary laws because such laws make otherwise law-abiding illegal aliens easy prey. That same criminal element preys upon American citizens and legal immigrants as they become emboldened by their “successes” in their own communities.

Clearly then such sanctuary laws which are purported to protect otherwise law-abiding illegal aliens put them at great risk, as well as citizens and legal immigrants. They clearly do so by hindering the capture and prosecution of the illegal alien criminal element.

Also, this bill if enacted would prevent cooperation with ICE. It is an established fact that illegal aliens in Maryland sanctuary counties commit crimes and instead of being turned over to ICE, they are released and commit further serious crimes.

When people break the law, they fear being caught and having to face the consequences. However, the posture taken in this bill is that the county is not required to facilitate and cooperate with federal law enforcement. Any society is in grave danger of devolving into anarchy and corruption when residents can pick and chose which laws they will obey. Crime does not exist in a vacuum. Impeding and obstructing the enforcement of immigration laws create a breeding ground for violation of other laws, both federal and state.

Finally, sanctuary laws create policies that relegate American citizens and legal immigrants to second-class status. They must obey the law or face consequences. Under sanctuary laws, for the most part, illegal aliens will be shielded from such consequences. That fact seriously hampers law enforcement officers from carrying out their duties to protect and serve. Therefore public safety is endangered.

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From: R M <emailfortestimony@gmail.com>
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Subject: CB63-2020

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As a Howard County citizen I'm really glad to see Howard County moving to protect itself and it's citizens in regard to ICE's illegal activities and the resulting lawsuits against it and participating counties for breaking the law.

I hope you pass this bill to protect our citizens from a federal agency that's acting like this is the wild wild west and they don't have to follow US law, and our county coffers from the resulting lawsuits, which we have seen with other counties that if we voluntarily assist with ICE we can be named as a party, or in some cases considered the main party when ICE breaks the law or its own rules.

Thank you



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Date: November 16, 2020

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Dear County Council,

My husband and I are very much against this ill-conceived move toward Sanctuary County status.

Please use our tax dollars to make life in our county better for the legal residents here.

Thank you for your consideration.

Genevieve Eichman & Philip Alman
9704 Robert Jay Way
Ellicott City, MD 21042

Paul G. Skalny, Esq.
4312 Buckskin Wood Drive
Ellicott City, Maryland 21042

Good evening Madam Chairman and Members of the Council!

My parents and I were born in Czechoslovakia. In early 1968, after completing his Ph.D. in Poland, my father was afforded the opportunity to come to the United States and do some post-doctoral research. Later that summer, my mother and I came to visit my father and, shortly after our arrival, the Russians invaded Czechoslovakia. This invasion left my parents in a difficult situation: return to their native country and subject the family to what turned into 20+ years of communist rule; or leave family and friends behind, and seek political asylum in America. My parents opted for the latter and eventually settled down in Howard County in 1972.

With that background information, there are two stories I would like to share with you.

First, shortly after taking a position with Martin Marietta in 1972, my father applied for and obtained a security clearance. For years to follow, my father was paid visits by agents from the FBI and other governmental agencies. These visits, which sometimes occurred multiple times a year, were geared around what contact my father maintained with family, friends and colleagues back in Czechoslovakia; what information was being shared and transmitted; and what contact, if any, he maintained with members of the communist party. My father was always forthright and cooperative. After years of these visits, one of the agents asked my father why he seemed so unphased by the visits and why he never seemed annoyed or aggravated by the barrage of questions.

Candidly, he was somewhat baffled by the question. After all, he saw his opportunities in America as a privilege and an honor; and he viewed what the FBI agents were doing as a means to protect his family and America from the likes of Hitler, Stalin and the Russians, forces with which he and his family had to contend since his birth.

The second story has to do with my family being the victims of what today would probably be considered a hate crime. Upon coming home from work one day shortly after our house in the Mt. Hebron development was completed, my father was greeted with the phrase "Go Home Commies" spray-painted on the street across the entire width of our property. Needless to say, my parents were saddened and hurt, particularly given the fact that they had no affiliation with the Communist Party at all; in fact, they stayed in the United States as a means to escape communist rule entirely.

From the two suit cases and the \$100 my family had in its name when it came to America, my family has made a nice living and is thankful for both the opportunities it afforded to us and the great friends we have made. But our success and our friendships did not come about as a result of government programs, sanctuary communities or laws which are little more than political rhetoric. It came about as a result of an appreciation for the opportunities provided by this country; by understanding that certain personal liberties needed to be sacrificed for the greater good; by working hard and looking for ways to contribute to, rather than take from, those before us that

helped build America; by speaking English, not Slovak, in our home; and, by making American friends and seeking ways to acclimate to their ways, rather than imposing our ways on them.

Dr. Jones and other members of the County Council, CB 63 is not the solution. And while my family is but one story, it's a story I know well and one that I hope you will give serious consideration.



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Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

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I am Arlene J.M. Grant. And, I am an immigration attorney. Today, I submit testimony in support of Bill No. 63 -2020 ("Bill"), introduced by Opel Jones.

This Bill supports a step forward to aid immigrants seeking to embrace the American dream without the terror of being taken by United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement as a result of cooperation by Howard County and its employees.

It is important to recognize the value of the Bill and also that more is required to protect immigrants in Howard County.

As an attorney helping immigrants, I am aware of the struggles and hardships endured to get to America. I hear stories weekly from men, women and mothers separated from their children. These stories are heartbreaking. Coming to America was their only option. If it were simpler to come to America - there would be fewer cases of illegal immigration.

The United States is a signatory to the 1967 United Nations Protocol ("Protocol") Relating to the Status of Refugees. The Protocol requires the United States to accept refugees and asylum seekers. Yet, the United States participation, it is obligated to provide, is lacking. This promise should be honored. America has not exited the agreement.

The environmental impact of global warming and climate change has devastated the economies of many of the nations from which people flee. Without an ability to make a living and opportunity, they seek what seems logical. The freedom to be. The right to survive and thrive.

America contributed to this devastation with its failure to implement a practice of sustainability to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to increase: a) energy efficiency, b) the use of renewable energy, and c) the use and recycling of materials. This is something America can yet refuses to address under the current administration.

In addition, in some countries, the foreign policies of America contributed to the devastation from which immigrants flee. The desire to police the policies of other nations should come with the cost of responsibility for the devastation. It is America's responsibility to fix the Country it broke or welcome the broken.

Yes, America is in the midst of a pandemic, but it does not curb its ability to welcome those who come in good faith and posing no harm.

For these reasons, I support the Bill and ask the Council to vote yes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Arlene J.M. Grant, Esq. *
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To whom it may concern,

I am a new resident of Howard County, moved from San Diego, CA. One of the main reasons I moved is because our old school district introduced more and more refugee and illegal immigration. What happened? Quran was asked to be taught in public school!!! It did not pass with parents' strongly opposite. However, no pork product was provided in school's cafeteria any more. I always welcome legal immigration, but not ILLEGAL immigration.

In short, I strongly against Howard County to be a sanctuary place.

Best regards,

Miao Liu

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Hello All,

To present this bill CB63-20 during these chaotic times is unconscionable. People are out of jobs, scared, and confused about their personal future and the County's future.

CB63-20 needs community input. I did not hold a single meeting for the year all because of COVID 19. I had to be protective to avoid the spread; it is not that we were not eager to have meetings. We missed getting together.

It seems as though the County Council is doing what they want - very disrespectful to the citizens. Our County Council did not contact us on this matter. Look below for source of information on this matter.

Instead of converting the County into sanctuary, the folks who are in agreement to CB63-20 should adopt the villages where the people are coming from (Central America) and help them to develop their villages (Central America). Show them the way, open their imagination, keep their families and relatives together. **Teach them to fish and in turn enjoy their place of origin.** Make the world a better place, don't over crowd one part of the world.

To be brief, CB63-20 would create diaspora and exploitation. I have heard and seen first hand the damages diaspora and exploitation caused.

NO to CB63-20.

Sincerely,
Bibi H. Perrotte-Foston

On 11/10/2020 1:46 PM District 5 <dyungmann@howardcountymd.gov> wrote:



D5 Special Alert

Sanctuary County Is Back

The charge to make Howard a sanctuary county is back. Public testimony on CB63-20 (virtually identical to the CB9 sanctuary bill from 2017) will be heard on MONDAY, November 16.

You are being contacted because you expressed an interest in this topic back in 2017 during the first sanctuary county debate. You must sign up no later than 7:00 PM Sunday evening (November 15) [at this link](#) if you wish to testify on CB-63.

The 2020 bill (Council Bill 63) has been renamed the Liberty Act and intentionally avoids references to sanctuary. However, while some of these sanctuary policies may already exist in our county, this bill adds even more pro-illegal immigration policies and codifies those illegal immigration protections into Howard County law. The full draft of the bill can be found [here](#).

Thank you for your interest in this important topic.

David Yungmann
Howard County Council, District 5

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Subject: Testimony for support of CB63 with amendments

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My name is Carla Tevelow and i am here as a representative and member of Howard County Indivisible's Immigration Action Team. The mission of this team is: Make Howard County a safe and supportive environment for immigrants. Our team hopes to raise public awareness of immigrants' and refugees' rights and concerns in order to promote compassionate legislation. Our team comprises over 230 members and we are a part of Howard County Indivisible which has over 600 members. Our team has been operating since January 2017 and we have advocated for immigrant rights on county, state, and national levels.

As a member of the Howard County Coalition for Immigrant Justice, we support CB63-2020. However, we believe the bill needs to be tightened to specifically prohibit employees and contractors at the Howard County Detention Center from providing any information about detainees to ICE, apart from important medical concerns. Immigrants in jail for civil offenses deserve the same protection as immigrants in the community. The bill also needs to address enforcement and consequence for non-compliance.

Howard County should have a law, such as CB63, that limits police partnership with ICE and other federal agencies. We do not believe police or other county employees should be allowed to inquire about immigration status, detain individuals on behalf of ICE or notify or transfer immigrants to ICE. This will enable us to keep our limited resources to be used here in Howard County and it will increase the trust of community members to contact the police if they are being harassed. We know that hate crime and xenophobic attitudes have increased exponentially during the past four years and this bill would bring victims out of the shadows.

Thank you for supporting CB63 with amendments.

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To Council Members:

I am sending this email to you vs. testifying virtually on Monday, November 16, 2020, regarding CB-63 Bill. I wanted to testify virtually, but the system kept stating my password did not match my username. Strange.....

Please count my testimony against CB-63 Bill.. I believe such a bill violates equity for all those who came to this country legally!!

In addition, providing a safe haven for illegal aliens is unfair to immigrants who respect our nations laws!

Law enforcement officers are on the front lines, dealing with crime associated with illegal immigration, including drug and gang related crimes. Sanctuary practices result in dangerous criminal aliens being released back onto the streets instead of being removed.

I trust my testimony against CB-63 will be counted.

Angela Hammond
Resident of Howard County
Ellicott City, Maryland



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Printed Name: Carla Tevelow

Signature: 

Date: 11/15/20

Organization: Howard County Indivisible

Organization Address: IndivisibleHoCoMD@gmail.com

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Good evening, County Council Members,

I am submitting my written testimony in opposition to CB63-2020, the Liberty Act. I am not available to give this testimony virtually.

My name is Carolyn Weibel, and I reside on Longview Drive in Valley Mede in Ellicott City, Maryland.

The undocumented population in this county is a small percentage of the citizen base. We should be encouraging those who are here illegally to get on the path to citizenship, not continue to add more pro-illegal immigration policies and incorporate them into law in Howard County. There are resources here in the county for the undocumented population. Churches, schools, and other social/volunteer organizations should step up to lend a hand to guide the undocumented people through the citizenship process. Our resources are stretched for our own citizens, and we don't need to overwhelm them by providing additional services to people who have chosen to violate Federal Immigration Laws. Such a fine example we are providing to our children that breaking the law is permissible!

Becoming a sanctuary county is following a nationwide trend that leads to other issues for its citizens - change in the quality of life, safety issues for ourselves and our Emergency Responders, eroding property values, potential local litigation, etc. This bill is an affront to those who immigrated legally to this country, their struggles to attain citizenship, and a mockery of our American way of life.

Like many, I have had relatives go off to war - some have lost their lives to protect our cherished freedoms and our way of life. It is disrespectful and minimizes their sacrifices by allowing undocumented people the "right" to disobey our laws. This bill is a continued endorsement of such illegality.

We have issues with education funding, school building maintenance, excess residential development, storm water mitigation, etc. Let's put our priorities and our monies where they can do the most good. Let's take care of the legal citizens in Howard County first.

Again, I am in opposition to CB63-2020, the Liberty Act. Thank you for taking the time to read my testimony.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Weibel

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From: Sara Cochran <cochransara1@juno.com>
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Subject: Please vote FOR CB63-2020

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Dear Members of the Howard County Council:

I am writing to urge you to support CB63-2020.

1. Employees and residents of Howard County have a long history of non-discriminatory policies and practices. This bill upholds this history and takes a stand against discrimination based on citizenship status, race, or national origin.
2. Our local law enforcement officers rely on the cooperation of all citizens, documented and undocumented, to help them combat crime and maintain public order. Because immigrant families and communities are of mixed status, even those immigrants residing here legally would be fearful and reluctant to cooperate with law enforcement if they hear rumors that local governments may be cooperating with federal immigration enforcement.

Immigrants are vulnerable to human trafficking and organized crime. In addition, they often experience violations of their employee, tenant, and consumer rights. Our local law enforcement officers wish to protect residents, build bridges with their community policing, and successfully investigate and solve crimes, not create more fear among our most vulnerable by working as adjunct immigration agents.

3. If immigrants fear that medical personnel will report them or family members to federal immigration authorities, they may not seek medical care. If the health problem is contagious, the health of the community will be at risk.
4. If families fear that local government will report them to federal immigration authorities, these families and communities may be negatively impacted in other ways. Children who do not attend school will be at a permanent disadvantage in life. This particular disadvantage can lead to crime and increased dependence on public benefits.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sara Cochran

Community Member, Howard County Human Trafficking Prevention Coordination
Council

Co-founder, Ho Co AGAST (Advocacy Group Against Slavery & Trafficking)

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Councilmembers:

My name is Kristin Lilly and I am a social worker that lives in District 1.

I support CB 63 with the following amendments:

- The Howard County Detention Center should be prohibited from providing any information about detainees to ICE, except for urgent medical concerns.
- Immigrants in jail for civil offenses deserve the same protection as immigrants in the community.
- Enforcement and consequences for non-compliance should be discussed in the bill.

Thank you.

Kristin Lilly

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From: Jeff Mercy <jefmercy@yahoo.com>
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Dear Howard County Council Members,

I very strongly oppose the proposed bill CB63-20. The bill violates equity for all those immigrants that have come to this country legally. My friends that have moved here to Howard County to get away from Montgomery County which became a Sanctuary County some years back. They left Montgomery County to get away from the increased crime and related drug and gang activity that Montgomery County attracted with its Sanctuary status. The crime/gang activity in Howard County has gotten steadily worse in the last decade and I fear for my family's safety if Howard County also becomes a sanctuary for illegal immigrants and the crime, drugs and gang activity that will follow like in neighboring counties.

Sincerely,
Tricia Mercy
12745 Folly Quarter Rd
Ellicott City, MD 21042

Jeff Mercy 410-476-7748 jefmercy@yahoo.com

The world says, "the more you take, the more you have." Christ says "The more you give, the more you are" - Frederick Buechner.

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Dear Howard County Council Members,

I very strongly oppose the proposed bill CB63-20. The bill violates equity for all those immigrants that have come to this country legally. Also, I have many friends that have moved here to Howard County to get away from Montgomery County which became a Sanctuary County some years back. They left Montgomery County to get away from the increased crime and related drug and gang activity that Montgomery County attracted with its Sanctuary status. The crime/gang activity in Howard County has gotten steadily worse in the last decade and I fear for my family's safety if Howard County also becomes a sanctuary for illegal immigrants and the crime, drugs and gang activity that will follow like in neighboring counties.

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City: Columbia
Subject: CB 63

Message: I am a long time county resident in District 3. I am writing in support of this bill. I applaud Councilman Jones for realizing immigrants in our county. Regardless of their immigration status, all residents of our county need to feel safe when interacting with this legislation, these residents will know that their issues will be handled with respect without being questioned to encourage our County Executive to end our contracts with I.C.E. to house detainees in the Jessup Detention center. This I.C.E. policies. Furthermore, reported conditions make us even more complicit as reported in the Baltimore Sun. https://www.baltimore.com/story/ice-dhs-violations-20201106-xysr52tirfg2j1qh6g6j4pghxu-story.html?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Howard%20County%20Times%3A%20Top%20Story

Sayers, Margery

From: mxdunigan@aol.com
Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2020 1:27 PM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: mxdunigan@aol.com; cadegges@aol.com
Subject: Sanctuary Caounty, AKA the "Liberty Bill"

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To Whom it May Concern:

Please be advised that I am formally expressing my opposition to making Howard County, Maryland, a sanctuary county. There is absolutely no reason to exempt certain classes of people from the existing law. There is also no reason for the taxpayers of this county to subsidize the flouting of Federal, state, and local law.

Neighboring counties are currently allowing the disrespect to our laws, and it has served as a magnet to persons in the country illegally as well as criminal elements to take up residence in these counties to the detriment of US citizens.

Please vote against this proposal.

Signed,

Michael J. Dunigan

Who is in Charge of Running Our Day to Day Life

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Ahmed Maregn Mohamed
9200 Livery Lane, Apt M
Laurel, MD 20723

Phone: 301-640-8960

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Sayers, Margery

From: Nonna <nonnaks@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2020 11:09 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Agains bill #63-2020

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To whom it may concern,

My family - is the family of immigrants for 30 years. My husband and I are first generation, and our children and grandchildren were born Americans. We came to America as to a Country of Opportunity. We didn't ask Social Services to feed us. We worked hard. Before we could use our professional knowledge, we were working as a babysitters and cleaning ladies, as a salesmen and grass mower. We were surviving and learning a lot. The thing that has always surprised me is how and why some of us, as strong and healthy human beings, don't want to move and have no interest in working, instead counting only on handouts from Social Services.

Long ago I lived in Montgomery county for a few years. What I hear now from some of my friends who still live there is that the county has awfully changed: They are moving away because of this. The county changed much for the worse after it became a sanctuary county.

I'm against Bill No.63-2020 that allows Howard County to become a sanctuary county and believe that illegal immigrants should have to go through the same proper lawful procedures as legal immigrants have to.

Respectfully,

Slutsky family

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Ang Fatula <fatulaangela@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 8:24 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Sanctuary County

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I just wanted to write as a concerned citizen in regards to the sanctuary County status. It is my understanding our police officers are not actively imprisoning illegal immigrants if no criminal offenses are found on record. I agree if they find criminal activity involved, any person, no matter their status should face the appropriate consequences for their actions. Barring County officials from talking to ICE when there is criminal activity related to illegal immigrants is counterintuitive to promoting safety in our community.

Coming from a Hispanic family who had legally immigrated from Mexico, as well as having a current family member who was from another country and has legally gained citizenship, we should continue to stress the importance of following the citizenship process.

We should focus our energy on bringing people to this community that are law abiding citizens wanting to contribute positively to our county. This includes following the process to citizenship. Starting off by not following the rules is not someone anyone wants on their team, or in their community. Help those who are making an impact gain citizenship.

Thank you.



HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL
AFFIDAVIT OF AUTHORIZATION
TO TESTIFY ON BEHALF OF AN ORGANIZATION

I, Michael David, have been duly authorized by
(name of individual)

Howard County Coalition for Immigrant Justice to deliver testimony to the
(name of nonprofit organization or government board, commission, or task force)

County Council regarding CB 63 - 2020 to express the organization's
(bill or resolution number)

support for / opposition to / request to amend this legislation.
(Please circle one.)

Printed Name: Michael David

Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

Date: 11/14/2020

Organization: Howard County Coalition for Immigrant Justice

Organization Address: 4642 Smokey Wreath Way,

Elicott City, MD 21042

Number of Members: 4,000

Name of Chair/President: Louise Liszt

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November 14, 2020
RE CB63-2020

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on CB63.

My name is Michael David. I am a Howard County resident and I am speaking in the name of Howard County Coalition for Immigrant Justice. Conditionally, we support CB63. Any step ensuring that Howard County residents are protected from xenophobic and cruel policies by the Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency (ICE) is a step in the right direction. But CB63 requires amendments.

Last Friday the Coalition had an opportunity to discuss CB63 with Councilman Jones. Please correct me, Dr. Jones, if my summary is mistaken. In our conversation, and to Dr. Jones credit, we all concluded that CB63 can be improved by amendment, it should be improved, and we discussed some possible amendments. Mr. Jones agreed that the conversation about specific amendments will resume, in short order. It is with the assumption that we all will succeed in amending CB63 to create a legislation that is precise and enforceable that the Coalition supports the introduction of CB63.

The topics of concern to the Coalition include:

- It is difficult to enforce vague language. The Act exempts actions that might contravene unnamed laws and agreements. Residents and County employees need to know what precise exemptions are contemplated.
- Specific activities need to be named as prohibited. Particularly, Howard County should not report to ICE the arrest of immigrants nor their release from detention. Innocent individuals, or people that may have served a sentence and had paid their debts to society get ensnared by ICE and deported because of collaboration by County agents.
- Similarly, Howard County should nor report investigations on immigrants while the immigrants are ICE detainees.
- Howard County employees and contractors should be required to take active steps to ensure that ICE detainees brought to Howard County are only individuals convicted of crimes and also that they have current tests showing them not infectious with Covid-19.
- Finally, the Act should have a reporting requirement and an enforcement mechanism.

Thank you. I am sure that an improved Liberty Bill is the aim of the Howard County Council and of Councilman Jones. The Coalition would like to help.



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Signature: Ahmed Maregn

Date: 11/14/2020

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Sayers, Margery

From: James Gaidis <jmgaidis@verizon.net>
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 11:02 AM
To: Walsh, Elizabeth
Cc: CouncilMail
Subject: County Bill 63-20

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To: Liz Walsh and Honorable Members of the Howard County Council

County Bill 63-20 orders all Howard County Employees to “refrain from taking actions with respect to immigration status,” and delivers to “all residents of Howard County ... equal access to County benefits, opportunities and services.”

People who are not legal residents of the United States of America cannot be legal residents of Howard County. However, sections of this bill prohibit county employees such as police and first responders from determining if a person is a legal resident of the United States.

The United States Government - not Howard County - has the responsibility for immigration legislation and policy. When a person enters our country illegally and has violated the laws of our nation, this needs to be addressed at the Federal Level, not at the county level.

I applaud your Christian charity in assisting impoverished or otherwise needy individuals who do not follow our laws, but I request that you make it clear that such support is a charitable effort, and refer such individuals to respectable charitable operations, such as Catholic Charities and other charities. Fund them if possible.

It is an affront to the law-abiding residents of Howard County to diminish the benefits - and responsibilities - of citizenship. Elected officials of Howard County have an obligation to the citizens of Howard County, the State of Maryland and the United States of America - not to citizens of a foreign country.

The County Executive vetoed the similar County Bill 63-20 (The Liberty Act) and County Bill CB -9 (Sanctuary Bill) that were passed by the Council in 2017.

Please vote against Bill CB-63.

Sincerely, James M. Gaidis 9051 Fathers Legacy 21042

Sayers, Margery

From: Ruth Nimmo <ruthnimmo77@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 10:18 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support CB 63

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Dear County Council Members,

My name is Ruth Nimmo and I have been a resident of Howard County for 22 years. I live in Council District 4.

I strongly support CB 63. This bill provides much needed and long overdue protection for foreign-born residents in Howard County. They should not have to face obstacles to access county services nor live in fear that county employees will send their information to ICE. Immigrants provide much needed talent and energy to the American economy. Let's make Howard County a welcoming and inclusive community.

I would also like to state my opposition to the contract Howard County has to house ICE detainees. We should not be supporting the federal government's repressive posture towards immigrants.

Thank you,

Ruth E. Nimmo

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Columbia, MD 21044

Sayers, Margery

From: Jim Caldiero <jimcal87@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 9:33 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: In SUPPORT of CB63-2020
Attachments: Testimony in Support of CB63.pdf

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Testimony in SUPPORT of Council Bill (CB) 63-2020, an act that prohibits all county employees from taking certain actions with respect to the immigration status of specified individuals, with certain amendments.

I am James Caldiero. I live at 4128 Lotus Circle, Ellicott City, MD 21043 and have lived in Howard County for 42 years in Ellicott City, Columbia, and Clarksville.

I appreciate this opportunity to offer written testimony in support of CB63-2020 with a few reservations that can be rectified by the amendments suggested by the citizens groups CASA and the ACLU. These amendments will strengthen the act by specifically prohibiting employees and contractors at the Howard County Detention Center from providing any information about detainees, apart from medical concerns, to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). Immigrants detained for civil offenses should have the same protections as immigrants in the community. Moreover, the bill needs to ensure sufficient enforcement for non-compliance by both employees and contractors.

I am sure that you are aware of the recent Washington Post article that detailed a DHS Inspector General report about the state of the Detention Center in Jessup. My Unitarian Universalist faith calls me to respect the inherent worth and dignity of every person and to promote and affirm justice, equity and compassion in human relations. Surely, these values are embraced by the citizens of Howard County and its government which have a long history of supporting and protecting human rights. By enacting this bill with amendments, Howard County will join surrounding counties and municipal jurisdictions in ensuring fair treatment for all our neighbors.

Thank you.

James Caldiero

4128 Lotus, Ellicott City, MD 21043, tel: 410-465-7452, email: jimcal87@gmail.com

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From: Carol Tan <abgftan@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 4:47 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Oppose to change Howard county into sanctuary

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I oppose to change howard county into sanctuary.

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: yan hao <haoyan6904@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 12:34 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Opposing to change Howard County into a sanctuary county

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Hi council members,

As a Howard County residence, I oppose to change Howard County into a sanctuary country.

<https://www.heritage.org/immigration/commentary/sanctuary-cities-thats-constitutional-hell-no>

Thanks,
Yan

Yan

Sayers, Margery

From: Robin Vestal <robinvestal@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 8:22 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB 63

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Dear County Council,

My thanks to Opal Jones for presenting a bill to help our immigrant brothers and sisters be safer in our county.

It's a moral imperative to safeguard hard working families and our neighbors from ICE and the threat of detention and deportation.

Let us please do all we can to keep vulnerable people in our community safe and secure and it helps our entire community when people feel like they can cooperate with police without fearing for their own or their families safety and well being.

I do wish we could also end the county's contract with ICE at the detention center especially after seeing the OIG's report on conditions there. As I testified at the hearing for CB 51 people deserve better than this and our country shouldn't be cooperating with this rogue agency.

I was excited several years ago when a similar bill was presented before the council but was vetoed by the last county executive. Please do the right thing this time around.

Thanks,

Robin Vestal
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Savage MD 20763
(301) 675-9313

Sayers, Margery

From: Ethan Criss <Ethan.Criss@outlook.com>
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 4:43 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: some thoughts on CB63-20 from an Immigration Officer

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Dear Sir or Ma'am:

I was born and raised in Howard County, Maryland. Some years back, I originally testified against a bill similar to **CB63-20**. I thought that I would repeat, and expand, on my testimony from that time.

I still work for **US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)** as an **Immigration Services Officer**.

Having worked for USCIS for almost six years, I have adjudicated cases for Deferred Action, Childhood Arrivals, (Dream Act, both Initials and Renewals) as well as I-131 applications for travel abroad for DACA Recipients. Additional files I have adjudicated include I-485's, which encompass Refugee and Humanitarian, as well as I-918's, which grants citizen status to immigrants, both documented and undocumented, who are victims of violent crime and/or sexual assault.

As such, I am in a unique position to give you an insider's look on the workings of the US Immigration System concerning undocumented persons.

Simply put, unless someone has done something terrible, (violent crime or sexual assault) ICE and the US Immigration system will leave them alone. Just being in the United States illegally is not going to draw ICE or even local law enforcement, nor will a person so identified as being undocumented be automatically removed.

Allow me to follow by saying that I have absolutely no problem with illegal immigrants who come here looking for a better life. Having worked DACA initials, I can assure you that the majority of undocumented persons, children especially, think of the United States of their home and love this country. Many of the recipients of DACA did not even know they were born elsewhere until they either tried to join the military or attend college. It was only then that their parents told them of the circumstances surrounding their birth.

It is because of my work with these cases that I believe DACA to be an excellent program, for it has helped identify those undocumented persons who should stay verses those who need locked up.

Herein is my concern for **CB63-20**. In order to help locate and arrest those persons who are violent criminals, it is very necessary for federal, state, and even county law enforcement to work together and coordinate their efforts. Having worked both DACA initials and removals, my co-workers and I have helped identify **gang members, violent criminals**, and persons of interest in such crimes as **murder** and **sexualassault**. Upon identifying them, we refer the case to our Basic Crimes Unit, who forwards the information to federal and local law enforcement.

My concern is that a bill such as CB63-20 would frustrate the efforts of police to identify and arrest those who are a danger to everyone in their community, legal or otherwise. Also, having worked as an Immigration Officer for almost six years, I can assure you that **ICE does NOT concern themselves with those whose only offense is being in the country illegally**. If ICE is reaching out to state or local law enforcement for information regarding an individual, I can guarantee it is because that person has done something horrific.

It is because of this reason that **I urge you to not enact CB63-20**. It would be redundant and needless at best, as ICE and US Immigration does not concern themselves with those whose only offense is being here illegally, and it would be dangerous at worst, for it would cripple law enforcement in their efforts to identify dangerous felons and coordinate with ICE in arresting and deporting those who prey upon the weak and vulnerable.

For these reasons, I urge you to not adapt CB63-20.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration in reading this letter.

Respectfully yours,

Ethan A. Criss

P.S. I have included my work contact information as proof of my credentials.

IMMIGRATION SERVICES OFFICER

NSC/USCIS, DIVISION 7

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Sayers, Margery

From: Richard Clinch <rpc21042@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 2:12 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Howard County Bill 63 - 2020 Rights of Non USA Citizens

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To: The Honorable Members of the Howard County Council

Subject: CB 63-20

From my viewpoint **County Bill 63-20** is the **renaming (The Liberty Act)** and restating of the 2017 **County Bill CB -9 (Sanctuary Bill)** that was passed by the Council and Vetoed by the County Executive in 2017. I opposed this legislation when it was introduced in 2017 and submitted an Email with my reasons to each of the County Council Members. To quickly summarize:

Personal Experience - I am a Mechanical Engineer who worked for:

Cerro de Pasco - Mining, smelting & refining of non ferrous metals in Peru and fabricator of non ferrous products tubing, wire etc. in the USA from (1960 to 64).

Westinghouse Electric Company (1964 to 90) - Global producer of Equipment for Electric Utilities. *Resided in Caracas, Venezuela from mid 1983 to early 1987.* During that period I had responsibility for operations in Venezuela, Columbia and Ecuador.

Asea Brown Bovari (1990 to 2003) - Swedish/Swiss Global Engineering and Manufacturing Company.

My Reasons for Opposing This Legislation

This legislation orders all Howard County Employees to "refrain from taking actions with respect to the immigration status of specified individuals; prohibiting certain discrimination based on immigration status." In addition "all residents of Howard County "shall have equal access to County benefits to County benefits, opportunities and services.

This "makes sense" for legal residents of Howard County. However the sections of this Bill - No Enforcement of Immigration laws - No Inquiries into Citizenship - seem to be in conflict with our Federal Government's Laws. They prohibit County Employees such as Police, Other First Responders, Emergency Room staff etc. from determining if a person is a legal resident of the United States. **Are we asking Howard County Employees to violate Federal Law?**

By "making our County's benefits and services available" to illegal persons that request these services in my opinion: **Reduces the quantity and quality of services and benefits available to legal residents. In addition they increase the cost of these services to the legal residents of Howard County, Maryland or the United States.** Not only is this is an affront to the law abiding residents of Howard County this is a violation of our nation's laws.

As an Elected Official your legal obligation is to the residents of Howard County, the State of Maryland and the United States of America. Our Borders must be respected and protected. The United States Government has the responsibility for - not Howard County - immigration legislation and policy. When a person enters our country illegally they have violated the laws of our nation and should be treated accordingly. These issues need to be addressed at the Federal Level not at the County or State Level

I strongly urge you to vote against Bill CB-63.

Respectfully,

Richard P. Clinch
9017 Father's Legacy
Ellicott City, Maryland 21042
410 849 3565; Mobile 443 995 3274

Sayers, Margery

From: Carol Boyer <lantern5@sprynet.com>
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 12:50 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Council Bill 63

[Note: This email originated from outside of the organization. Please only click on links or attachments if you know the sender.]

Please! Please! Please! Do not pass the 2020 Council Bill 63, the Liberty Act. Haven't we been through enough in Howard County and across the nation with divisive issues, divisive policies, and divisive rhetoric? And still worse, we're all dealing with the effects of a raging, rampant pandemic. No matter what our political leanings or affiliations, we all need a rest from hot topics and sharp controversies. We're exhausted, we're weary, and we're fatigued. Enough is enough. So please take a break and give the citizens of Howard County a break. Do not pass Council Bill 63 and please do not become so driven for self-promotion or attention that you stir up still more controversies. Just take a deep breath, a deep sigh, and do your best to calm the citizens of our county because calm is what is most needed and appreciated at this time.

Sincerely,
Carol Boyer
11317 Castlewood Ct.
Laurel, MD 20723

Sayers, Margery

From: cffarctic@verizon.net
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 10:39 AM
To: Jones, Opel; CouncilMail
Cc: Harris, Michael; Alston, Ashley; Smith, Brenda
Subject: RE: Councilmember Opel Jones --Council Bill 63-2020 Legislative Public Hearing

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This email shall service notice that I am strongly opposed the proposed legislation. All laws should be followed including our immigration laws. I find it very frustrating that our elected officials are always trying to find ways around our laws instead of enforcing the laws on the books or working to change the laws that they don't agree with. Doing things the right way aren't always the easiest. I find your proposed legislation insulting as a citizen of the United States and individual that was born and raised in Howard County. I am second generation of my family to be natural born citizens and my grandparents immigrated legally to this country and respected our laws!

Respectfully,

Charles Fleck

From: Jones, Opel <ojones@howardcountymd.gov>
Sent: Thursday, November 12, 2020 6:08 PM
To: Jones, Opel <ojones@howardcountymd.gov>
Cc: Harris, Michael <mrharris@howardcountymd.gov>; Alston, Ashley <aalston@howardcountymd.gov>; Smith, Brenda <bdsmith@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: Councilmember Opel Jones --Council Bill 63-2020 Legislative Public Hearing

Good evening,

Thank you for your continued support of Council Bill 63-2020, renewing a legislative urgency to provide undocumented residents access to fair and equal services regardless of race, ethnicity, or immigration status.

On Monday, November 16th at 7:00 PM, the County Council will hold a Legislative Public Hearing. For more information, please click [here](#) (please note: you **must** sign up by **7:00 PM on Sunday, November 15th**). After successfully signing up, you will receive a Webex invitation from CouncilWebex@howardcountymd.gov on the day of the Legislative Public Hearing with instructions on how to participate.

Council Bill 63-2020 will help provide protections and provisions for the most vulnerable and underrepresented residents of our communities. Attached is my office's press release and a copy of Council Bill 63-2020.

I truly appreciate your voice in support of the vitality of our growing county throughout the legislative process!

Sincerely,

Opel Jones

Councilmember, District Two

Howard County Council

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Sayers, Margery

From: Jim Reynolds <jb.reynolds32@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 10:17 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Against Council Bill 63-2020

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I do not support this bill. There is no justification to add more unnecessary legislation to an already overwhelmed list of legislation which doesn't directly support the county growth, success and priorities of it's tax paying citizens.

Jim Reynolds
Elkridge, MD

Sayers, Margery

From: no-reply@howardcountymd.gov
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 9:43 AM
To: guohui.wang@gmail.com
Subject: Council - Howard county resident say NO to sanctuary city/county. Reject CB-62-2020

First Name: Guohui

Last Name: Wang

Email: guohui.wang@gmail.com

Street Address: 6512 tipperary ct

City: Clarksville

Subject: Howard county resident say NO to sanctuary city/county. Reject CB-62-2020

Message: To whom this may concern, I am very sad to know that CB63-20(virtually identical to CB9 sanctuary bill from 2017) will be heard AGAIN on Nov. 16. There are many reasons that I would say NO to this bill, just name a few in the following : Sanctuary cities harbor criminals, creating a dangerous environment for US citizens. You can see many cases in current sanctuary cities/counties. Here are a few existing cases: a. September 8, 2019, seven undocumented immigrants emerge as sex assault suspects and pull Montgomery County into national debate; https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/public-safety/seven-undocumented-immigrants-emerge-as-sex-assault-suspects-and-pull-montgomery-county-into-national-debate/2019/09/08/674cd9f8-d0e0-11e9-b29b-a528dc82154a_story.html Further report and analysis on this case is in this link: Five Rage arrests underscore the hypocrisy of sanctuary policies: <https://cis.org/Arthur/Five-Rape-Arrests-Underscore-Hypocrisy-Sanctuary-Policies> b. Juan Francisco Lopez-Sanchez, an undocumented immigrant, had seven felony convictions in the United States and had been deported from the country five times. Yet, the city of San Francisco declined to detain him for Immigration and Customs Enforcement Officials (ICE) officials and released him into the community. In July 2015, Lopez-Sanchez was charged with murdering Katie Steinle in San Francisco. Christina Littlefield, "Sanctuary Cities: How Kathryn Steinle's Death Intensified the Immigration Debate," latimes.com, July 24, 2015 Lee Romney, Cindy Chang, and Joel Rubin, "Fatal Shooting of S.F. Woman Reveals Disconnect between ICE, Local Police; 5-Time Deportee Charged," latimes.com, July 6, 2015

2. Sanctuary policies defy federal laws to which state and local governments are bound: 8 U.S. Code § 1373 states that "a Federal, State, or local government entity or official may not prohibit, or in any way restrict, any government entity or official from sending to, or receiving from, the Immigration and Naturalization Service information regarding the citizenship or immigration status, lawful or unlawful, of any individual." [5] The Department of Justice requires that most recipients of federal grant money certify their compliance with all federal laws. [4][6] Sanctuary cities, by not asking about, recording, and submitting to the federal government the immigration statuses of residents, are violating federal law and the rules for getting federal grant money. 3. Sanctuary policies prevent local and state police officers from doing their jobs: Sanctuary policies prevent police from investigating, questioning, and arresting people who have broken federal immigration law. Many crimes, violent and otherwise, could be prevented if local law enforcement in sanctuary cities could arrest undocumented immigrants for their first crime on US soil—illegal entry into the country—and turn them over to federal law enforcement. [14] According to Heather Mac Donald, JD, Thomas W. Smith Fellow at the Manhattan Institute, many Salvadorian gang members living in Los Angeles entered the United States illegally, but because of sanctuary policies, LA police officers cannot arrest the undocumented immigrants for illegal entry. Instead, law enforcement has to wait for a second crime to be committed to get the criminals off the street. I strongly urge you to deny CB63-20, which will hurt Howard county badly in short term and long term. Thank you

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FEDERATION FOR AMERICAN IMMIGRATION REFORM

November 13, 2020

The Honorable Deb Jung
Howard County Council
George Howard Building
3430 Court House Dr.
Ellicott City, MD 21043

Dear Chairwoman Jung and other distinguished Members of the Council:

My name is Shari Rendall and I am the Director of State and Local Engagement for the Federation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR). Founded in 1979, FAIR advocates for immigration policies that reduce the harmful impact of illegal immigration on national security, public safety, the economy, jobs, education, healthcare and the environment. FAIR has about two million members and supporters nationwide including approximately 100 members in Howard County. I am submitting comments today on behalf of FAIR in opposition to Bill 63-2020, which would make Howard County a sanctuary jurisdiction.

If enacted, Bill 63-2020 would enact a dangerous policy that provides a safe-haven, or “sanctuary,” in which illegal aliens can work and live without fear of removal by federal immigration authorities. It expresses that local officials should have no involvement in immigration enforcement matters. In practical terms, this bill would not only forbid local law enforcement officers from cooperating with federal agents in enforcing immigration laws, but more importantly, would prevent them from alerting U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) if they become aware of the fact that a suspected criminal alien in custody might also be in this country illegally and thus removable by law. Instead of handing these convicted criminals over to ICE for removal, they are simply released back onto our streets, many to recommit more crimes.

Sanctuary jurisdictions like those that exist in Montgomery and Prince George’s counties should serve as a warning to Howard County. These sanctuary counties regularly release criminal aliens that pose a clear public safety threat back into their communities. In May 2017, Montgomery County released 19 year-old Salvadoran national Mario Granado-Alvarado after he posted bail, even though ICE requested he be held. Granado-Alvarado was arrested for vehicular theft and for bringing an assault-style rifle onto his high school parking lot. He had been arrested previously also on auto theft charges.



In Prince George's County, 14 year-old Ariana Funes-Diaz may have been alive today if law enforcement had honored an ICE detainer. Two illegal alien MS-13 gang members, Josue Rafael Fuentes-Ponce and Joel Ernesto Escobar, had been jailed on attempted murder charges the year before Ariana was killed. Instead of being removed from the country, they were released due to the county's sanctuary policies which resulted in the Ariana's death.

These are clear and unambiguous violations of federal law. Local officials cooperate with the federal law enforcement in every aspect of the law, such as gun control and drug laws, and immigration should not be an exception.

Moreover, sanctuary policies rely on the false premise that individuals in the country unlawfully are "law-abiding," but simply lack "papers" or "documentation." However, the average adult illegal alien routinely commits multiple crimes just to conceal their presence in the United States and work without authorization. In 2013, the Social Security Administration's Office of the Chief Actuary estimated that more than 40 percent of all illegal aliens working in the United States were using fake or stolen Social Security Numbers. Elsewhere, the office has put the figure as high as 75 percent.¹ Furthermore, many falsify I-9 forms under penalty of perjury. It is improper for Howard County to enable these federal crimes.

While the cost of illegal immigration to public safety is incalculable, the fiscal cost of illegal immigration also bears a heavy price tag. Annually, U.S. taxpayers pay roughly \$116 billion in costs associated with illegal immigration. A significant majority of this price tag, \$88.9 billion, is absorbed by state and local governments.²

In Maryland, taxpayers spend an estimated \$2.4 billion each year for illegal aliens and their U.S.-born children.³ Roughly \$137 million of those expenditures are for criminal justice alone. Other costs come in the form of educational, healthcare, welfare and law enforcement expenditures to illegal aliens and their families.

Sanctuary policies contribute significantly to these costs by telling individuals that despite violating federal laws, law enforcement and other government officials will ignore them. Just because the regulation of immigration is a federal issue, does not mean that local law enforcement agencies must overlook immigration violations that harm their communities.

¹ The Washington Times, "When Illegals Use Piffler Social Security Numbers, May 23, 2018; See also, The New York Times, Illegal Aliens Are Bolstering Social Security with Billions, April 5, 2005

² Federation for American Immigration Reform, "The Fiscal Burden of Illegal Immigration," 2017.

³ Ibid.

To ensure the safety of our communities, local law enforcement should be encouraged—not discouraged—from cooperating with federal immigration authorities.

For the aforementioned reasons, FAIR respectfully asks the Howard County Council to reject Bill 63-2020.

I thank you for the opportunity to provide our input. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me, if I may be of assistance. I may be reached by email at srendall@fairus.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shari Rendall". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letters of "Shari" and "Rendall" being capitalized and prominent.

Shari Rendall

Sayers, Margery

From: Shari Rendall <rendall@fairus.org>
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 9:06 AM
To: Shari Rendall
Subject: Please Oppose Bill 63-2020

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Dear Council Member,
Please find attached FAIR's comments opposing efforts to make Howard County a sanctuary jurisdiction (Bill 63-2020).
Sincerely,
Shari



Shari Rendall
Director of State and Local Engagement
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Washington, DC 20001

Sayers, Margery

From: skipdariamc <skipdariamc@aol.com>
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Subject: Sanctuary County for Howard

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VOTE NO.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Sayers, Margery

From: no-reply@howardcountymd.gov
Sent: Thursday, November 12, 2020 2:56 PM
To: exaa2011@gmail.com
Subject: Council - CB63

First Name: Beth

Last Name: Daniel

Email: exaa2011@gmail.com

Street Address: 3247 OLD FENCE CT

City: ELLICOTT CITY

Subject: CB63

Message: (1) Please provide a detailed explanation of how Howard County (whether it be the government and/or its citizens) will benefit from this bill's passage. (2) Does this bill have anything to do with the passage of the "Question C" Charter Amendment? Thank you!

Sayers, Margery

From: Tao Tao <yzbeckytao@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 12, 2020 12:56 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: against changing Howard County into a sancturay

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Hi

I'd like to share one passage with you:

<https://www.heritage.org/immigration/commentary/sanctuary-cities-thats-constitutional-hell-no>

cheers,

Rebecca

Sayers, Margery

From: skipdariamc <skipdariamc@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 5:58 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Sanctuary County - NO

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Both of us disagree with creating a sanctuary county in Howard County. NO No No.! Thought we resolved this once before.

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