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TO: Delegate Anne Healey, Chair  
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FROM: Maryland Legislative Latino Caucus (MLLC)

RE: HB818 Redistricting and Apportionment - Population Count - Citizenship Status

### **The MLLC supports HB818 Redistricting and Apportionment - Population Count - Citizenship Status.**

The MLLC is a bipartisan group of Senators and Delegates committed to supporting legislation which improves the lives of Latinos throughout our state. The MLLC is a voice in the development of public policy affecting the Latino community and the state of Maryland. Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to express our support of HB818.

When it benefits our nation, Latinos and immigrants are uplifted. When it is all done, they are sidelined, forgotten, and disregarded. In 2019, the White House announced redistricting data may include citizenship information derived from administrative records. This will undoubtedly hurt our communities because many people will be excluded.

Maryland's Latino and immigrant populations, regardless of citizenship, make the state stronger. They work and live in our communities, building up our economy. Representation in congressional and legislative districts are not just for citizens. Maryland is diverse with international residents that also need support and someone to be their voice. Undermining anyone's political power through exclusionary redistricting is harmful.

HB818 requires that population counts from each decennial census used for redistricting congressional districts, State legislative districts, and legislative districts may not exclude individuals based on citizenship status. Latinos and immigrants contribute so much, yet efforts to exclude them increase. The state legislature has the responsibility to protect representation for all Marylanders.

The MLLC supports this bill and urges a favorable report on HB818.