

## **Please Oppose Bills SB850, SB901 and SB903**

Dear Committee Members,

My name is Josephine Salazar, I am a U.S. citizen by birth and have resided in the great State of Maryland since 1986. As a Montgomery County resident, I oppose Sanctuary Bills SB850, SB901, and SB903.

I had the honor of serving our Nation for over 31 years in Washington D.C. and used my bilingual skills in the work place.

As a federal employee we were asked to safeguard and protect our Personal Identifiable Information (PII). We turned over financial disclosures had our biometrics taken and maintained our integrity in the workplace.

It is difficult for me to understand why we would have to turn over our PII to individuals who are not here legally and can jeopardize our wellbeing. The PII identifies our unique identity such as our personal information which includes our name, gender, address, telephone, email address or basic biometric data information that is electronically stored within a device or application.

Are you asking that our law enforcement officers be transparent with their PII to individuals who entered our country illegally?

How can you stop law enforcement from doing their jobs? Do you not trust them? Our Nation protects their employees I can attest to this because I was a federal employee. The State of Maryland should also protect their federal enforcement counterparts.

Our family experienced a terrible situation that involved our underage daughter and an adult undocumented student in her high school who was sexually harassing her. We could not stop him from calling our daughter in the middle of the night or prevent his mother from calling and encouraging our daughter to go out with her son because she wanted desperately for him to become "Americanized" or "legal." We could not get personal information about this individual except for the fact that he was incarnated in Texas for three months prior to coming Maryland to benefit from all of the free services Montgomery County and the State of Maryland afforded him.

The end result was that we could not get any help to stop this individual from harassing our daughter. To protect our daughter, we sent her to a different school out of state.

As providence would have it, and prior to my daughter asking me immigration related questions, my son brought to my attention a May 7, 2018, Washington Post article making reference to undocumented individuals trying to become Americanized by getting involved with young girls.

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/heinous-and-violent-ms-13s-appeal-to-girls-grows-as-gang-becomes-americanized/2018/05/04/a4132e94-40bf-11e8-bba2-0976a82b05a2\\_story.html?noredirect=on&utm\\_term=.9e5b5f7cef65](https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/heinous-and-violent-ms-13s-appeal-to-girls-grows-as-gang-becomes-americanized/2018/05/04/a4132e94-40bf-11e8-bba2-0976a82b05a2_story.html?noredirect=on&utm_term=.9e5b5f7cef65)

Then we started noticing changes in our daughter's behavior and it was not good.

As parents of students, we are held accountable for their school attendance. If we do not send our children to school, we immediately receive a notification phone or e-mail that our child was absent.

When your child does not come home after school, one gets an empty nervous feeling as to what is going on. Did she have an accident? Did a strong gust of winds knock down a tree branches and hurt your child?

When you discover that the reason, your child is truant because there is an adult male student encouraging your child to skip school or not to go home after school. What does one do? You find out that the adult male student crossed illegally at the U.S. border and was incarcerated for over a month. You find out these individuals drive without a license and have total disregard for the MVA laws to acquire a license to drive legally. You contact the county police; the County's State's Attorney's Office child abuse office and they tell you their hands are tied and they can do nothing.

But what does one do, when there are adult undocumented high school students who want to become Americanized no matter who they hurt and at what cost? Whether it be financially or morally! They become professional students by staying as long as they can in high school to reap the benefits? They encourage truancy and who holds them accountable? They encourage their friends to bully your child when she doesn't want to have anything to do with him? Your child becomes depressed and wants to go to another school or leave school.

How can you stop law enforcement from doing their jobs? Do you not trust them?

Our country is governed by the rule of law as you may know, (The rule of law is the legal principle that law should govern a nation, as opposed to being governed by arbitrary decisions of individual government officials. It primarily refers to the influence and authority of law within society, particularly as a constraint upon behavior, including behavior of government officials.) and anyone who chooses to live in our great Nation is not above the law whether they are here legally or illegally.

If anyone commits a crime whether it is a hit or run driver or contributing to the truancy of a minor. Does the individual run away because they are afraid to be asked their legal status and do not want to be held accountable for the crime or crimes they have committed?

Are we not in this great Nation to be law abiding citizens only to have an individual or individuals infringe on OUR rights? I say no. That is why I am here. There are others who have not voiced their concerns but soon they will be here too. It is my hope that they trailblaze behind me to do the right thing and testify against Sanctuary bills.

Perhaps if these individuals who are not held accountable know they are not above the law, they will not feel so empowered to break the law. If they indoctrinate our children to break the law then it is time for these individuals to learn the consequences of breaking the law. Whether it be driving without a license or teaching your child to commit immigration fraud.

Antonio Machado Spanish poet said "**Todo lo que se ignora, se desprecia.**" "All that is ignored, is despised." Is this true? Do we want to ignore this situation because it is despised and is not of our interest?

Thank you and please do the right thing for the law-abiding citizens of this state.