

My husband, Carlos Wolff, was a Supervisory Special FBI Agent. Carlos was born in Venezuela and came to the United States - legally - with his parents, when he was 8 years old. He joined the FBI as a Special Agent when he was 25, and dedicated his 11 years at the FBI to protecting America.

Carlos' life ended at 36 when he was hit by an illegal alien—on December 8, 2017. Carlos had been in a single vehicle accident and was stopped on the side of 270 in Montgomery County. Deputy Chief Fire Marshall Sander Cohen had stopped behind Carlos to help him. As Carlos and Sander were waiting on the shoulder for help to arrive, Roberto Garza Palacios hit and killed them. Palacios had overstayed his visa since 2009, and was wanted by ICE in 2015 AND in August of 2017 —just 3 months before hit and killed Carlos and Sander — due to his lengthy offense record, which included two DUIs, two counts of endangerment of life, property and person, malicious destruction of property, and possession of cocaine.

However, Montgomery County, MD refused to hand Palacios over to ICE because of their sanctuary policies. Instead, Montgomery County elected officials believed it was preferable to shelter someone who was in our - my - community illegally, rather than doing what they should have done to keep my community safe.

Palacios was then fined \$280 for hitting Carlos and Sander, was out free, on a \$15,000 bail, paid for by CASA de Maryland!

Considering Palacios' record, he should have been deported in 2017 when ICE requested him from Montgomery County, MD! But Montgomery County politicians consider his prior record "minor offenses". Too minor to worry about paying attention to, in order to deport someone who is here illegally. Until they end an innocent person's life. And even then they released him back into the community!

Our families are going through so much pain and heartache. Carlos and Sander were individuals who were loved by so many.

All sanctuary laws prioritize the protection of illegal aliens over citizens. These bills, HB388 and HB403, seek to do more of the same.

I urge this Committee to WITHDRAW these bills from any further consideration, in the memory of Sander and my husband Carlos and all the Angel family members in Maryland and across our nation whose loved ones would still be with them, but for laws that give sanctuary to criminals.

Living in the United States is such a great privilege that it must not be squandered. And it is shameful to even consider giving it away to further some partisan narrative and special interests. I hope the state of Maryland will learn from the errors of Montgomery County and not perpetuate them.

Please withdraw this proposed bills. Thank you.

Marla Wolff