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Mr. Chairman and respectful committee members,

Good afternoon. My name is Cheng Tu and I am a legal immigrant and US citizen residing in Rockville.

I am here to **testify against HB0403** because Maryland should not be safe haven for illegal aliens.

As a working middle class family and taxpayer, I witness Montgomery County fell in every measure because it markets itself as illegal alien magnet. The economy tanked, the crime rate increased, and public education quality fell consistently. The service quality deterioration also come along with tax increase. Montgomery County property tax rate increased by 9% three years ago and the county is short of money again.

Our national hero, Mexican American Cesar Chavez, fought tirelessly against illegal immigration, which drove down the wages of legal immigrants and US born farm labors. Here is the quote, "History will judge societies and governments, and their institutions, not by how big they are or how well they serve the rich and the powerful, but by how effectively they respond to the needs of the poor and the helpless."

I urge you to work for the benefit of poor and helpless in the minority community, including legal immigrants and US born. Stop working for the benefits big business and nonprofit organization who feed on government dollars. The minority community put their trust in you. As their presentative, do not default their trust.

I am AGAINST this bill.

Cheng Tu

