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To: House Judiciary Committee
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Subject: Do not approve any Bills (HB667) that would lead Maryland to become a sanctuary state.

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Dear House Judiciary Committee Members,

I am writing to you because I want to urge you vote against the following bills: HB0388, SB0903/HB0403, SB0850/HB0677, SB0649/HB0892, SB0901/HB1612.

My name is Jim Lee who has lived in Maryland over 19 years. As a Maryland legal resident and active voter, I strongly urge this committee NOT to pass this bill HB 677 and please do not approve any Bills that would lead Maryland to become a sanctuary state.

Sanctuary policies threaten public safety, are expensive, and put National Security at risk, and impact Public School Systems. Also, immigration violations are crimes. I have witnessed what has happened in California with their Sanctuary policies and I don't want it to happen in Maryland.

Politicians who declare jurisdictions to be sanctuaries for illegal immigrants who commit crimes are needlessly endangering their law-abiding citizens and immigrants legal and illegal alike. For those supporting this kind of bills, they either hungry for votes or hate American patriots and want to destroy the foundation of this country. They either don't read Bible or not understand Bible or hate the founding fathers like George Washington and others. They are

Illegal immigration is a huge burden to state and local governments, costing the U.S. taxpayers an estimated \$116 billion annually. A majority of this expense – \$85.5 billion – is borne by state and local taxpayers. A 2017 FAIR study found that the State of Maryland spent \$2.4 billion on costs associated with illegal immigration, including costs pertaining to education, health care, administration of justice and law enforcement, public assistance, and general government services. By giving illegal aliens a place to live and work where they can go undetected, sanctuary policies encourage further illegal immigration that only serves to increase these costs.

We all agree with the American value system that needs to care or love the poor or helpless people based on our founding fathers' principles from Bible which is the rock foundation of our country to build upon. As spiritual adults and parents, how can you invite other illegal kids to live at your home and at the same time fail to protect and provide food to your own children. If the kids got killed in your house, the parents should go to jail. This is the common sense and the basic responsibility as parents and leaders of the state.

"No longer will they build houses and others live in them, or plant and others eat. For as the days of a tree, so will be the days of my people; my chosen ones will long enjoy the works of their hands." <<Isaiah 65:22>>

Please do not approve any Bills that would lead Maryland to become a sanctuary state.

Thank you for considering the safety of our community and supporting our legal immigrants who came here legally by following the laws.

Sincerely,

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