

Dear Maryland legislators,

My name is Elon Atlaw and I am an 11th grade student at Northwood Highschool I fully support the Dignity Not Detention Act being proposed to the Maryland General Assembly. I often hear officials claim that our immigration system is a civil and not a criminal matter. But if it prosecutes like the criminal justice system and detains like the criminal justice system then it is the criminal justice system. I think it's time that our state and country lives up to its promise of civil, dignified and humane immigration policy.

Respectfully,

Elon Atlaw