

Oppose Senate Bill HB 304 – SB-088 - State and Local Government - Participation in Federal Immigration Enforcement

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Please oppose Senate Bill HB 304 cross SB 088

1. Sanctuary policies like the ones proposed by HB 304 conflict with federal law. In 1996, Congress adopted the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act that barred state and local governments from prohibiting law enforcement and state and local officials from providing, receiving, or sharing information on illegal aliens with federal immigration officials.
2. States that implement sanctuary policies become a magnet for more illegal immigration which results in higher costs of living, reduced job availability, lower wages, MS-13 gang violence, and higher crime rates.
3. Blacks and legal Immigrants in Maryland have the most to lose if Maryland becomes a sanctuary.
  - Sanctuary policies shift the cost of illegal immigration onto citizens and legal immigrants.
  - Sanctuary policies insult legal immigrants who respect our laws and patiently waited for years and paid thousands of dollars to come to the US the right way.
4. - Sanctuary policies pose national security, economic, health and public safety risks.