

Delegate Luke Clippinger, Chair
and Members of The House Judiciary Committee
Maryland House of Delegates
Annapolis, MD

RE: HB 0559- Immigration-Probation Before Judgement- **UNFAVORABLE**

Dear Delegate Clippinger, Chair and Members of The Committee,

HB 0559 Avoids a formal finding of guilt and prohibits an illegal immigrant from receiving a formal sentence or Probation Before Judgement which is grounds for deportation. The Supreme Court has ruled that deportation is not a punishment but rather a civil administrative procedure whereby an illegal alien is returned to their homeland.

Additionally, HB 0559 holds the offender to (basically) no accountability. Probation is too easily breeched and locating said offender utilizes valuable time and more taxpayer money to, likely, no avail.

For these reasons, I ask that you vote for an Unfavorable Report for SB 265- Immigration- Probation Before Judgement.

Thank you for your time,

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