

SIGN THE PETITION TO PUT CB-63 (SANCTUARY COUNTY) ON THE HOWARD COUNTY BALLOT

On December 10th, Howard County Executive Calvin Ball signed CB-63, inappropriately named The Liberty Act, which prevents County employees from asking about the immigration status of residents, discriminating based on immigration status, and requiring that certain information related to citizenship be kept confidential in Howard County.

In addition, it outlines penalties for county employees and creates a board to impose penalties, costing even more taxpayer dollars to the citizens of Howard County and costing good employees their jobs in these devastating economic times.

CB-63 (Sanctuary County) is bad public policy.

CB-63 provides undocumented immigrants with a false sense of security. As many have already pointed out, CB-63 will not protect undocumented immigrants from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and cannot prevent immigrants from being deported. As the Supreme Court has held, only the federal government has authority over all immigration enforcement. The Howard County Police Department is responsible for the investigation and enforcement of criminal law, and has never been engaged in the enforcement of immigration laws. This bill's own language states it will not supersede any federal or state law, or any existing agreement between the County and any other federal, state or local government.

Sanctuary policies such as CB-63 threatens public safety in Howard County. The number of undocumented individuals living or conducting business in Howard County is unknown. However, these criminal aliens continue to live in communities and engage in further criminal activity when state and local law enforcement are prohibited from cooperating with federal immigration officials.

CB-63 will cost Howard County taxpayers millions. Illegal immigration is a huge burden to state and local governments, costing taxpayers an estimated \$113 billion nationally. In Howard County, these costs come in the form of educational, healthcare, welfare, and law enforcement expenditures to illegal aliens and their

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families. By giving them a place to live and work where they can go undetected, sanctuary policies encourage further illegal immigration that only serves to increase these costs.

CB-63 conflicts with federal law. In 1996, Congress adopted the illegal immigration reform and immigrant responsibility act to prohibit state and local governments from restricting their employees from sharing and receiving information regarding illegal aliens with the federal government. Sanctuary policies that shield criminal aliens from the administration of Federal law conflict with the execution of immigration law as Congress intended.

CB-63 heavily restricts the Howard County Police Department from cooperating with federal law enforcement personnel on matters involving undocumented immigrants. Recently, neighboring Montgomery County was moved to throttle back portions of its Sanctuary Law after a series of sexual assault cases, including one that took place inside a public high school. By impeding cooperation with federal immigration officials, sanctuary policies create an environment where terrorists and other criminal aliens can go undetected and uninterrupted.

CB-63 is unfair to legal immigrants. Tolerating illegal immigration and providing a "Safe haven" for illegal aliens is unfair to immigrants who respect our nation's laws. In addition to waiting months or years to come here, legal immigrants abide by the entry, employment, health, and processing laws and regulations set by our government. Besides giving future prospective immigrants little incentive to follow the law, sanctuary policies are an affront to those who do it the right way.

By signing this petition, citizens are not passing judgement on the law itself; rather they are petitioning State and Local authorities to subject CB-63 to a citizen vote on the November 2022 ballot.

Petition signers must be registered voters in Howard County. Individuals may not sign the petition on behalf of others.