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County Executive Cassilly Statement on Efforts to Relocate Undocumented Immigrants to Harford County

BEL AIR, Md., (Nov. 15, 2023) – County Executive Bob Cassilly today issued the following statement on possible efforts to relocate undocumented immigrants to Harford County.

“My office received an unsolicited letter on Monday from an unknown organization indicating that they were working to bring up to 105 families of undocumented immigrants from New York City to the Holiday Inn in Belcamp. A letter from the same organization was sent to the mayor of Aberdeen about bringing 115 families to the Comfort Inn & Suites on Hospitality Way. We are working to verify the accuracy of these letters.

My administration immediately reached out to the governor’s office and the Maryland Department of Human Services and officials in New York City, and they have no record of this effort. However, if it is true, I will use every resource at my disposal to prevent it.

The people of Harford County are kind and generous, but we do not have the resources, school capacity, or funding to support 220 immigrant families with an unknown number of children who will overwhelm our schools. These families are the victims of the federal government’s inhumane and disastrous open border policy and New York’s virtue-signaling as sanctuary city. I will not allow Harford County citizens to pay for the failures of leadership in Washington D.C. and New York City.”

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