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Regarding the Jan. 15 Metro story "Bill on Migrants Splits a Town With Few":

It's not that Taneytown wants to ban legal migrant workers, who for years have come to this area to pick fruit.

The town wants to ban illegal workers.

Federal law states that anyone working in this country must have the legal status to do so. If an employer is found to employ someone who does not have work authorization, the employer can be fined and the worker deported. But since our government does not adequately enforce this requirement, it is up to local communities to create guidelines for employers. This does not make these local governments wrong; it makes them right for wanting to see the laws of the country obeyed.

Taneytown is not the only jurisdiction that has put this problem on the table. As long as the federal government does nothing, this will be a growing problem for Americans, whether native-born or immigrant.

We all need to stand up and obey the laws of our land.

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