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Rebecca Kitana, a parishioner at St. Matthew Church in Northwood, Maryland, talks during an Oct. 10 announcement at Sacred Heart of Jesus-Sagrado Corazon de Jesus in Baltimore about an ID card program for immigrants. (CNS/Catholic Review/Kevin J. Parks)



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