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## **TESTIMONY ON HB1425 - Favorable**

Criminal Law - Identity Fraud - Artificial Intelligence and Deepfake Representations

**TO**: Chair Clippinger, Vice Chair Bartlett, and members of the Judiciary Committee **FROM**: Richard Keith Kaplowitz

My name is Richard Kaplowitz. I am a resident of District 3, Frederick County. I am submitting this testimony in support of HB1425 - Criminal Law - Identity Fraud - Artificial Intelligence and Deepfake Representations

This bill offers protection to victims of the perversion of use of technology to create a false identity in order for a criminal impersonation and victimization of an individual.

The bill accomplishes this goal by prohibiting a person from utilizing certain personal identifying information or engaging in certain conduct in order to cause certain harm. It enforces this control by prohibiting a person from using certain artificial intelligence or certain deep-fake representations for certain purposes. Finally, it attaches penalties to illegal conduct through providing that a person who is the victim of certain conduct may bring a civil action against a certain person. Victims will be provided avenues to recover damages from the miscreant who victimized them via technology.

I respectfully urge this committee to return a favorable report on HB1425.