

Testimony in SUPPORT of SB234
Personal Information - State and Local Agencies - Restrictions on Access
Elsa Vargas, Montgomery County Resident

Dear Chairman Smith and Members of the Committee:

My name is Elsa Vargas. I want to share with you my worries about immigration having access to the MVA. I am undocumented and I got my driver's permit. I tried the MVA with my personal information, but now I am very worried. It worries me having the MVA provide access to information to ICE that can be used to deport immigrants. I am a mother of three children and I can't imagine being separated from them like they did to our community member, Jose Hernandez, who was detained in Rockville last year by immigration. ICE said they received his information from the MVA. He was detained for 8 months away from his family during COVID-19. That's why I ask you to stop allowing more families to suffer and to protect immigrant drivers and prohibit them from sharing information with ICE. Thank you and please vote yes to SB234.

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