



**TESTIMONY FOR SB0234
PERSONAL INFORMATION – STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES – RESTRICTIONS ON
ACCESS**

Bill Sponsor: Senator Lam

Committee: Judicial Proceedings

Organization Submitting: Maryland Legislative Coalition

Person Submitting: Cecilia Plante, co-chair

Position: FAVORABLE

I am submitting this testimony in favor of SB0234 on behalf of the Maryland Legislative Coalition. The Maryland Legislative Coalition is an association of activists - individuals and grassroots groups in every district in the state. We are unpaid citizen lobbyists and our Coalition supports well over 30,000 members.

In the past several years, Federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) personnel have added facial-recognition searches to their arsenal to look for the undocumented. We, as residents of Maryland, should not allow this practice be used as a deportation tool. We all object to having our image searched, and certainly law-abiding residents should not be subjected to this kind of invasion of privacy.

Being undocumented is a civil crime, and given the number of years it can take to become naturalized, an understandable one. We believe that this is an egregious invasion of privacy and should be stopped.

We support this bill and recommend a **FAVORABLE** report in committee.