



ORHoCo Testimony on Maryland Driver Privacy Act – SB317/HB23

Dear Maryland State Delegation,

We are presenting this testimony on behalf of Our Revolution Howard County (ORHoCo), the county chapter of an organization inspired by the political and social messages of Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT). We fight for values and policies covering climate-change, health care, and economic and racial justice that focus on the needs of our neighbors, co-workers, and working families, particularly in this time of Covid.

Along with our 20+ partners represented by the Howard County Coalition for Immigrant Justice (HCCIJ), we present this in support of the Maryland Driver Privacy Act SB234/HB23, which requires federal authorities to obtain a warrant in order to access personal information that the MVA gathers about drivers.

While Maryland made the right move in 2013 to extend driving privileges to all qualified persons, regardless of immigrant status, we understand that there has been rampant data-sharing between the MVA and ICE (U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement).

Unfortunately, there is currently no oversight or monitoring of ICE's searches of MVA records. This is outrageous given the amount of information that our own MVA collects. It seems only reasonable that this bill is passed to protect the private information of all Maryland residents. We ask that the bill SB234/HB23 be passed as written.

Thank you.

- Kathleen Uy, ORHoCo steering committee member and representative to HCCIJ
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