



**TESTIMONY FOR HB0023  
PERSONAL INFORMATION – STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES – RESTRICTIONS ON  
ACCESS**

**Bill Sponsor:** Delegate Stein

**Committee:** Judiciary

**Organization Submitting:** Maryland Legislative Coalition

**Person Submitting:** Cecilia Plante, co-chair

**Position:** **FAVORABLE**

I am submitting this testimony in favor of HB0023 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.

This bill is an important step forward in ensuring that our immigrant neighbors, many of whom contribute to our economy and to the cultural diversity of our state, are not preyed upon by Federal law enforcement. Why should their personal records be accessed by ICE in order to meet their deportation quotas when they have not committed an offense? Both naturalized citizens and undocumented immigrants are targeted with these requests – many without a warrant.

The fact that there is no warrant with these requests for facial recognition data is chilling. Any citizen can have their records siphoned through and could get caught up in ICE deportation procedures without having committed a crime. This has happened.

We are all very concerned when our privacy is violated. Why would we ever allow anyone's privacy to be violated, just because they are not naturalized? Privacy violation is privacy violation. You don't know where it stops.

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