

**Gabriel Albornoz, D46 Resident**

**Testimony in SUPPORT of HB23**

Personal Information - State and Local Agencies - Restrictions on Access  
Judiciary & Environment and Transportation Committee

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Good Afternoon Chairman Clippinger and Members of the Committee,

My name is Gabriel Alejandro Abornoz and I have lived in Baltimore for two years. I work as a cook and I take the bus to work every day. I am allowed to get a driver's license, but I take the bus everyday because I am afraid to do the process to get my driver's license. I am afraid that the MVA will share my personal information with ICE agents.

I came to the United States from Colombia due to the insecure environment there and have not been able to get legal status. I came in search of better opportunities for my family and for myself. I work very hard every day and I always pay my taxes.

Unfortunately, those of us without a regular status in this country, like myself and my coworkers, live in fear everyday. I don't even feel comfortable getting a bank account because I am afraid that my ICE will get access to my personal information. This has had the biggest impact on me and my family. We live afraid and sad, and it's almost impossible to enjoy just one day in the park.

I ask members of the committee to support this bill that keeps our personal data safe. It is the most valuable thing we have. Immigrants make this nation beautiful. If you give us a chance, I assure you that we will be good citizens. Please support HB23. Thank you.