



TESTIMONY FOR HB0240
CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – FORENSIC GENETIC GENEALOGICAL DNA ANALYSIS,
SEARCHING, REGULATION, AND OVERSIGHT

Bill Sponsor: Delegate Shetty

Committee: Judiciary

Organization Submitting: Maryland Legislative Coalition

Person Submitting: Cecilia Plante, co-chair

Position: **FAVORABLE**

I am submitting this testimony in favor of HB240 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.

Our members are shocked that anyone would be able to search genetic data and look at DNA evidence without a judicial authorization and a clear crime that they are investigating. We find that searches of this data to be an intrusion and are very frightening. We would like to see much more oversight on this kind of analysis and searching and believe this bill is an excellent step forward in requiring protections for Marylanders.

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