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Maryland General Assembly Senate Finance Committee 3 East Miller Senate Office Building Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: SB 643

Maryland Personal Information Protection Act.

Position: Favorable

Dear Senators Kelly, Feldman and Members of the Finance Committee,

I am writing in support of SB 643, Maryland Personal Information Protection Act.

I am an attorney who has been representing consumers in Maryland for 20 years. I am writing on my own behalf and on behalf of the Maryland Association of Justice, which also supports this bill.

In my work, I have seen first-hand what happens when someone's personal information is not properly protected. This can negatively affect a person's finances, credit reports, reputation, and more. We shudder at the thought of someone breaking into our homes and stealing our goods, but a violation of our privacy is similar. It should not be carelessly handled or left unprotected.

This bill offers common sense protections. I hope you will vote favorably for it.

Very truly yours,

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