

Written Testimony Supporting HB1358

I am writing you today in support of HB1358. As a life-long Maryland resident, medical privacy is of the utmost importance to me. Per Federal HIPPA rules apply to states, employers, life insurance companies, law enforcement, and workers compensation companies. The privacy of medical records, medical status, vaccination status, conversations with providers are all protected under the federal act. Maryland should ensure that medical privacy is kept for all individual citizens.

Not protecting individual's rights, is against Federal Law and against our rights for medical privacy. Privacy in this case is even more important in the digital age. We unfortunately know all too well that access to medical and personal information can be damaging to a person's life for years to come. Cleaning up leaked or hacked information can take years to fix.

Employers, educational institutions and public spaces do not need to know individual's medical choices as a potential public health precaution. Please support this bill to protect the rights of the individual citizens of Maryland.