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Maryland General Assembly Members of the Finance Committee Annapolis, MD

RE: SB 698 – Consumer Protection – Online Biometric Data Privacy

Dear Senators,

We support SB 698 and respectfully request that you vote for it.

Based on the Fiscal and Policy Note, the bill appears to be supportive of consumers' right to privacy of their online, personal and biometric data.

Having ads and other information related to recent online activity and searches is just creepy and creates a discomfort of where the information about us is being used and/or abused.

I understand that Delegate Mark Fisher has proposed that the bill should regulate the use of our data not only by private entities, but also by state and local governments. We wholeheartedly support this amendment to the bill and feel that it needs to be included to ensure privacy on all levels.

Please vote for this bill with the amendment.

Sincerely,

**Christine Hunt and Jay Crouthers**