

Support the Maryland Data Privacy Act (SB0977)

Dear Members of the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee,

We are the <u>Maryland Just Power Alliance</u>, a coalition of 3 non-partisan community power organizations: <u>Action in Montgomery</u> (AIM), <u>Anne Arundel Connecting Together</u> (ACT), and <u>People Acting Together in Howard</u> (PATH), representing tens of thousands of Maryland residents. We organize with people in congregations, schools, and neighborhoods to build power for policies that make our communities more fair and livable for everyone. We are asking you to support the Maryland Data Privacy Act (SB0977) when it is considered by the Judicial Proceedings Committee.

The Maryland Data Privacy Act is crucial to protect residents' trust in government so they can access much-needed services. It is essential that this bill prevents ICE from warrantless access to people's sensitive data in state and local agency databases. Residents need to be able to access crucial resources like healthcare without the fear that their information will be shared with federal immigration enforcement. We call on you to pass this bill out of your committee.

Thank you for your consideration.