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Hi there! Thank you so much for submitting testimony for the **Maryland Data Privacy Act** to help us protect immigrant families and ensure that private and sensitive data on immigrant communities is not used against them to target, detain, and separate families. Please personalize this template below by sharing your individual or organizational experiences and the relevance of why this issue is important to you.

 **Hearing Dates:**
 **House Bill:** Thursday, February 27th @ 1 PM, House Judiciary Committee, 1st Floor
Testimony due Tuesday, February 25th at 6pm

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 - Testimony for HB1431 must be uploaded to the MGA website between 8 AM and 6 PM on Tuesday, February 25th at 6pm
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Here are some additional materials that may be useful:

-  **2025 Maryland Legislative Agenda - English.pdf**
- [Factsheet: Trump's Rescission of Protected Areas Policies Undermines Safety for All - NILC](#)
- [Statement for the Record: Mass Deportations - NILC](#)
- [Trump's Day 1 Executive Orders: Unconstitutional, Illegal, and Cruel - NILC](#)
- [2021 NILC Statement on New DHS Memo Safeguarding Protected Areas from Enforcement](#)
- [Youth/Homeless Focus: Protected Spaces No Longer Safe from Immigration Enforcement - National Network for Youth](#)

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Thank you for making your voice heard! - CASA Policy Team

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Testimony in SUPPORT of HB 1431

State and Local Agencies - Enforcement of Federal Immigration Law - Restrictions on
Access to Information (Maryland Data Privacy Act)

House Judiciary Committee

February 27, 2025

Dear Honorable Chair Clippinger, Vice Chair Bartlett, and Members of the House Judiciary Committee,

I am pleased to offer a **favorable testimony in strong support of HB 1431- State and Local Agencies - Enforcement of Federal Immigration Law - Restrictions on Access to Information (Maryland Data Privacy Act).**

I am Co-chair of the Howard County Indivisible Immigration Action Team and in that capacity I have come to understand some of the many issues facing undocumented people. Undergirding my belief in social justice are my Jewish values of caring for and befriending the ‘stranger’ because my people were strangers in many lands and at many times in history.

In recent years, the erosion of data privacy protections has led to increased fear and uncertainty within immigrant communities. The Maryland Data Privacy Act, HB1431, takes critical steps to restore trust by ensuring that state and local agencies, as well as law enforcement entities, are prohibited from sharing personal information, facial recognition data, and access to public facilities with federal immigration authorities unless a valid warrant is presented.

Access to sensitive data and facilities requires a valid court-issued warrant. Personal information cannot be shared with federal immigration authorities without due legal process. This legislation is crucial not only for protecting the privacy of all Maryland residents but also for fostering trust between immigrant communities and public institutions. By clearly delineating the boundaries of federal immigration enforcement within our state, we promote the values of dignity, safety, and fairness.

In 2021, this legislature took action to protect immigrants and safeguard their sensitive data. Once again I call on this legislature to act.¹

I urge the committee to provide a favorable report on HB 1431.

¹[2021. MGA HB23](#)