

HB1150 Testimony

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Chair Luke Clippinger
Judiciary Committee
100 Taylor House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: Testimony Favorable for HB1150 Criminal Law - Personal Identifying Information and Images of Individuals - Dissemination

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

My name is Kimberly Syuardi, and I am CAIR Maryland's Outreach Coordinator. I recently graduated from the University of Maryland, College Park. As a recent student and activist, I am here today to express my strong support for HB1150. This bill is crucial to protect our youth from the detrimental effects of doxxing.

I have personally witnessed the severe harm that doxxing can inflict. Friends of mine have been targeted simply for speaking out on social and political issues. Their personal information—home addresses, phone numbers, and workplaces—was spread online without their consent. As a result, they faced relentless harassment, including death threats and online abuse that made them fear for their safety.

Many young people fear expressing their opinions or participating in civic engagement because they know their personal information could be exposed and used against them.

No one should have to live in fear because their private information has been weaponized against them. Doxxing is not just an invasion of privacy—it is a form of intimidation that silences voices and puts lives at risk.

I urge you to support this bill to help protect people from being targeted, threatened, and silenced simply for existing or expressing their beliefs. HB1150 is a crucial step in ensuring that individuals have legal recourse against this form of digital harassment and that those who engage in doxxing are held accountable.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
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