

Written Testimony for **HB 1431**: State and Local Agencies - Enforcement of Federal Immigration Law - Restrictions on Access to Information (Maryland Data Privacy Act) - Please **VOTE NO** on this bill.

Dear Judiciary Committee:

The bill reads "...Altering certain provisions of law **to require a law enforcement agency** or a unit of State or local government **to deny access to certain databases** by certain individuals seeking access for the purpose of enforcing federal immigration law, under certain circumstances; requiring the Attorney General to enforce certain provisions of the Act; and providing that a State employee who violates certain provisions of the Act is subject to certain discipline..."

HB1431 limits federal immigration enforcement by restricting access to state and local government databases.

The bill undermines collaboration between local and federal law enforcement agencies, which is crucial for investigating and apprehending individuals who have committed serious crimes.

HB 1431 goes directly against President Trump's EO regarding illegal immigrants in our country. And our LEOs are going to be the ones who suffer for it. I do not want illegal immigrant criminals near my home and places that I frequent with my family. Since foreign immigrants entered our country illegally, we have seen an increase in crime, especially in violent crime and rape and sexual assault, an increase in drugs, especially Fentanyl, and an increase in Fentanyl related deaths, just to name a few of the negative effects. I'm not against all immigration. I have friends whose families have immigrated legally to this country. I simply want illegal immigrant criminals removed from our country and returned to their country of origin. They have committed a crime by entering our country illegally and should be returned to their countries of origin.

Please **VOTE NO** on this bill.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

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