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TO: Delegate Kriselda Valderrama, Chair  
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Economic Matters Committee Members  
FROM: Maryland Legislative Latino Caucus  
DATE: 2/24/2026  
RE: HB0711 - Consumer Data, Public Records, and Message Switching System (Data Privacy Act)

### **The MLLC supports HB0711 - Consumer Data, Public Records, and Message Switching System (Data Privacy Act)**

The MLLC is a bipartisan group of Senators and Delegates committed to supporting legislation that improves the lives of Latinos throughout our state. The MLLC is a crucial voice in the development of public policy that uplifts the Latino community and benefits the state of Maryland. Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to express our support of HB0711.

Various legal loopholes, combined with federal overreach, have resulted in substantial outflow of personal information and data to ICE and others, via third party data aggregators, International Justice and Public Safety Network (“Nlets”), and automated license plate readers. Specifically, an investigation from 2021 revealed that LexisNexis allowed ICE to use their Accurant database which contains billions of personal records.<sup>1</sup> Data shows that in just a seven-month period, ICE agents conducted over 1.2 million queries through the database and used such data to target immigrants for their immigration enforcement operations.<sup>2</sup> This kind of surveillance infrastructure has allowed ICE to use the everyday activities of immigrants to further conduct the agency’s immigration enforcement operations.

The privacy rights of Latino and Hispanic communities, as the primary target of ICE operations<sup>3</sup>, are especially at risk due to this federal overreach. This priority bill will help limit this federal overreach by strengthening data privacy provisions in the Maryland Online Data Privacy Act, clarifying certain language in the Maryland Public Information Act, and addressing problematic language in the Public Safety Section of 2021 Driver Privacy Protection Act. In short, this bill provides critical protections against the misuse of state-held data by ICE. Enacting this legislation positions Maryland as a leader in protecting the safety and privacy of its residents, particularly those in Latino immigrant communities, who face heightened risks as a result of increasing pressures from ICE.

For these reasons, the Maryland Legislative Latino Caucus respectfully requests a favorable report on HB0711.

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<sup>1</sup> [EPIC, Coalition Call for ICE to Cancel Contract with LexisNexis for Invasive Surveillance Databases – EPIC – Electronic Privacy Information Center](#)

<sup>2</sup> Ibid

<sup>3</sup> [ICE Enforcement and Removal Operations Statistics | ICE](#)