

**Testimony on House Bill 711 – Favorable**

**HB711 – Data Privacy – Consumer Data, Public Records, and Message Switching System (Data Privacy Act)**

**Economic Matters Committee**

**February 24, 2026**

**Honorable Chair Valderrama, Vice Chair Charkoudian, and Members of the Committee,**

**My name is Angeline Fragale, and I am a resident of Brunswick, Maryland. I am writing in support of HB711 – the Data Privacy Act.**

**I served in the U.S. Army for five years, as a SIGINT analyst. I am a subject matter expert in the ways that information can be collected and analyzed in order to find persons of interest.**

**Sensitive personal data should never be freely given over to federal agencies. To do so perverts the very idea of freedom.**

**I have watched in horror as technology has been perverted and mangled in order to detain and arrest people who are anything but violent criminals, simply for the crime of not being citizens.**

**Many of these people are on a path to citizenship. To allow information to be shared in a way that gets them yanked into detention is a waste of the time, work, and money they spent seeking citizenship, not to mention taxpayer dollars.**

**Let me be clear, it takes a LONG time to become a citizen. It took my Dutch great-grandfather six years!**

**To abuse and detain innocent people whose only crime is trying to live their lives in peace is not only morally repugnant, it's a waste of time, money and effort, and we don't need any more of that.**

**I support HB711 because current loopholes in Maryland's privacy laws allow sensitive personal data collected by state agencies to be funneled to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) through third-party data brokers, law enforcement data-sharing networks, and automated license plate readers. This turns state agencies into pipelines for federal immigration enforcement, undermining community trust and endangering families.**

**My town of Brunswick is growing slowly, with new businesses moving in, new housing being built, all of it in the hope that we can live peacefully in this tiny corner of Appalachia, enjoying the river, hills and trails, helping our neighbors and growing together.**

**We had a really great Tex-Mex restaurant, called Adele's, that had operated on Souder Road for years. They closed permanently in 2024. I'm sure many people have similar stories of places they loved, owned and operated by people who came from other countries, whose hard work and love for what they do enriched and delighted their communities.**

**No one is benefiting from the gross, unthinking overstep of the federal government's immigration raids. They are abusing innocent people and stripping our communities of what makes them wonderful.**

**We need to stop making it easy for ICE to find people to abuse.**

**This bill closes those loopholes by preventing third parties from sharing driver data with ICE, stopping records requests from being used to target immigrants, and protecting geolocation and digital data from federal exploitation. These are commonsense reforms that ensure Maryland's privacy laws live up to their intended purpose. When personal data is misused, everyone's privacy is at risk—not just that of immigrants. State agencies should be a shield, not a conduit, for ICE.**

**We don't have to look very far back in history to know that when an unjust government finishes abusing one group, they start moving on to everyone else. I want my country back. The country I fought for; the country my friends died for. ICE raids are unjust, horrible and pointless. We need to use all means available to make it extremely difficult to run these raids in Maryland.**

**For these reasons, I respectfully urge the committee to issue a favorable report on HB711.**

**Thank you for your time and consideration.**

**Sincerely,**

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**Brave Rifles!**