

## THE COALITION TO PROTECT MARYLAND'S CHILDREN

*Our Mission: To combine and amplify the power of organizations and citizens working together to keep children safe from abuse and neglect. We strive to secure budgetary and public policy resources to make meaningful and measurable improvements in safety, permanence, and wellbeing.*



### **SB0932 – Consumer Protection - Social Media Platforms - Display of User Location**

**House Economic Matters Committee**

**April 1, 2026**

**Position: OPPOSE**

The Coalition to Protect Maryland's Children is a consortium of organizations and individuals formed in 1992 who are concerned about the care of Maryland's most vulnerable children and work together to educate and promote meaningful child welfare reform. **CPMC urges an unfavorable report on SB0932 - Consumer Protection - Social Media Platforms - Display of User Location.**

SB0932 calls for social media platforms to display the general geographic location of adult users to other users in Maryland, with some exceptions. This requirement would compel platforms to publicly disclose particular information about individuals who may have legitimate reasons to keep their location private, in particular survivors of domestic violence whose locations are not known to their abuser. Survivors of child abuse also depend on the ability to interact online without revealing their geographic location. Mandating disclosure of location information could expose these individuals to harassment, stalking, or other safety risks, especially for abusers in which identifying the state of the person posting may offer them enough information to find the location of their victims. The exemption of minors being exempt does not help as it could be construed that the person posting is a minor which could be important information to certain predators or child maltreaters.

It is for these reasons that **CPMC urges an unfavorable report on SB0932 - Consumer Protection - Social Media Platforms - Display of User Location.**<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Members of CPMC represented by this written testimony include the American Academy of Pediatrics - Maryland Chapter, Child Justice, Center for Hope, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA - Baltimore County), The Family Tree, Maryland Association of Resources for Families and Youth (MARFY), Maryland Children's Alliance, Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence (MNADV), the State Council on Child Abuse & Neglect (SCCAN), and individual members of the coalition.