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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 0711 - Data Privacy - Consumer Data, Public Records, and
Message Switching System (Data Privacy Act)

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TO: Chair Kriselda Valderrama & Members of the Economic Matters Committee

FROM: Mary Beck

Members of the Economic Matters Committee, my name is Mary Beck, I live in Halethorpe, Maryland, and I am writing to support HB 0711, part of the Data Privacy Act.

Consumers do everything we can to protect our passwords and identities online - what is that worth if companies will simply sell our data to the highest bidder?

We cannot trust that companies will not act in their best financial interest over our individual privacy's interest. In a society where it has become nearly impossible to completely opt out of using online services, no one should be forced to sacrifice their privacy to someone who wants to purchase their information, for any purpose that the purchaser can think of.

I urge you to support HB 0711 and help protect us from unnecessary privacy violations by private companies just looking to make money at the expense of our personal liberties.