

**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**

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

My name is Alexandra Estes, and I am a resident from Darnestown, Maryland. I am writing in support of HB711 – the Data Privacy Act.

I care about this issue because I strongly disagree with everything ICE is doing and feel it is completely wrong for ICE to have access to sensitive personal data of Maryland residents. I highly value living in a community where all people feel safe and protected.

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.

I am actively involved with supporting families who have been negatively impacted by ICE detentions. Every day there are more requests for help, more Go Fund Me's started to support families who have lost their primary income earners. I see the horrible, negative impact ICE is having on our community and it needs to stop. This bill is one way Maryland can stop the ICE terror!

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 immigrants'. State agencies should be a shield, not a conduit, for ICE.

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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