

My name is Janet Tupper and offer a **favorable testimony in support of HB711 & SB504, Data Privacy - Consumer Data, Public Records, and Message Switching System.**

Maryland has taken important steps to protect residents' privacy and civil rights with laws such as the Driver Privacy Act, the Maryland Public Information Act, and the Maryland Online Data Privacy Act. These were meant to keep our personal information safe.

But loopholes in these laws - combined with federal overreach - are putting immigrant communities and all Maryland residents at risk.

These loopholes allow for sensitive data to be collected by Maryland agencies and funneled to Immigration and Customs Enforcement through third-party data brokers, law enforcement data-sharing networks, automated license plate readers. This turns state agencies into pipelines for immigration enforcement, undermining community trust, and endangering families. Maryland must act now. State agencies should be a shield, not a conduit, for ICE.

Moreover, mass surveillance does not stop at immigrants. When law enforcement or other agencies misuse sensitive data, everyone's privacy is at risk.

Therefore, **I am encouraging you to vote in support of HB711 & SB504, Data Privacy Act.**

Sincerely,

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