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HB0711: Data Privacy - Consumer Data, Public Records, and Message Switching System (Data Privacy Act)

TO: Honorable Delegate Valdarrama and Vice Chair Chardoukian, and members of the Economic Matters Committee

FROM: Dr. Anna Rubin

DATE:, February 20, 2026

My name is Anna Rubin. I am a resident of District 13. I am submitting this testimony in support of **HB0711**. I am writing as an artist, a retired educator, and someone involved in a number of Jewish and as well as civic organizations. I am chair of the Columbia Jewish Congregation Social Justice Committee.

The Torah commands us to pursue justice, and our sages instruct us that the methods we use to do so must be just themselves. We are enjoined to protect the stranger in our midst.

While state agencies are no longer allowed by law to share data with DHS, a major loophole exists. The state was selling data to private data companies and ICE was able to purchase it. It is vital that this loophole be closed so that residents of Maryland cannot be subject to phishing attempts by ICE.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the committee to issue a **favorable report** on **HB0711**. Thank you for your time and consideration.