

**Testimony on House Bill 711 – Favorable
HB711 – Data Privacy – Consumer Data, Public Records, and Message Switching System
(Data Privacy Act)**

Economic Matters Committee

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

My name is Christina M Yuan, MD and I am a resident of Prince George's County, Maryland. I am writing in support of **HB711 – the Data Privacy Act**.

I am a retired member of the military, a retired federal employee, and a physician. Sensitive personal information should never be available to those who do not have a right and an authorization to know. This is particularly important for personal health information and personal identifying information, especially when they are linked. When this data is given by an individual, the release is based on the understanding that the information will be available only to entities that have been authorized by the individual. It is a violation of trust to give such information to those who are not authorized by the individual.

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.

Privacy violations of this sort are prohibited in medicine and in human use research. The use of triangulation to identify an individual based on seemingly innocuous pieces of personal information is increasingly feasible in the setting of constant security surveillance (including at medical facilities) and AI applications. Every effort should be taken to avoid this.

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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