

## **Testimony on Senate Bill 504 – Favorable**

### **SB504 – Data Privacy – Consumer Data, Public Records, and Message Switching System (Data Privacy Act)**

**Finance Committee**

**February 26, 2026**

Dear Honorable Chair Beidle, Vice Chair Hayes and Members of the Committee,

My name is Sonia Shah, and I am a resident of Baltimore County, Maryland. I am writing in support of **SB504 – the Data Privacy Act**.

I support SB504 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.

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.

**The careless brutality of the current administration's immigration enforcement efforts are terrorizing communities and must be checked by all legal means. SB504 is an important measure that will protect communities and prevent the misuse of our private data.**

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the committee to issue a **favorable report on SB504**.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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