

**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 Valderrama, Vice Chair Charkoudian, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Mary Elizabeth Kaiser, and I am a resident of Clarksville in Howard County, Maryland. I am writing in **support of SB504 – the Data Privacy Act**.

Current technology is not only enabling access to and the broad dissemination of personal data, it is also expanding the scope of the personal data that can be obtained. Under this evolving expansion of available personal data and the increased ease of access to this data, it is necessary to be vigilant in protecting the privacy and personal rights of individuals. The ease and scope of personal data collection should not become a tool enabling ethnic and racial profiling for federal exploitation of immigrants and non-immigrants alike.

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 not be a conduit for ICE.

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

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Mary Elizabeth Kaiser