

## Testimony on Senate Bill 0504 – Favorable

### SB0504 – Data Privacy – Consumer Data, Public Records, and Message Switching System (Data Privacy Act)

Finance Committee

February 24, 2026

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

My name is Letitia Robson, and I am a resident of Baltimore, Maryland. I am writing in support of **SB0504 – the Data Privacy Act**.

When people are afraid of sharing their personal information, it inhibits their ability to participate in the basic functions of civic life. People should be able to get a driver's license without fear of their data going to ICE. This in turn makes us all safer.

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.

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.

Immigrants are an important part of our community, and we should be doing everything we can to protect them.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the committee to issue a **favorable report on SB0504**.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Letitia Robson