

Testimony on Senate Bill - **Favorable**

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

Finance Committee

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My name is Joyce Sims and I am a resident of Mechanicsville in St. Mary's County writing **in support of SB0504 – the Data Privacy Act.**

I support SB0504 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.

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

Thank you for your time and consideration of my comments.

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