

**Testimony on Senate Bill 504 – Favorable
SB504 – Data Privacy – Consumer Data, Public Records, and Message Switching System
(Data Privacy Act)**

Finance Committee

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

My name is Roslyn Zinner, and I am a resident of Columbia, in Howard County, Maryland. I am writing in support of **SB504 – the Data Privacy Act**.

I am a clinical social worker and privacy is a key element of my work with clients. On a personal note, two days ago I returned from out of the country to find that someone had hacked into my bank account and tried to take money out. They also used my credit card to pay hundreds of dollars of toll charges. I was very lucky, I didn't lose any money, but it scared the heck out of me and we are still trying to figure out how this happened. This can happen to anyone.

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.

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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