



Support the Data Privacy Act (SB0504)

Dear Members of the Senate Finance Committee,

We are the [Maryland Just Power Alliance](#) (ACT, AIM, and PATH), a multi-racial, multi-faith, nonpartisan community power organization representing tens of thousands of Maryland residents. We organize people in congregations, schools, and neighborhoods to make Maryland a better place to live and thrive.

We are asking you to **support the Data Privacy Act (SB0504)** and pass it out of your committee.

Many of our faith traditions teach us to welcome the stranger and to remember the times we have been outsiders. It is our responsibility as a society to not only welcome migrants and newcomers but also to ensure that our neighbors can thrive in our communities.

In our [listening sessions last fall with over 3,000 Maryland residents](#), we asked people, “What is keeping you and your family from thriving?” One of the top concerns raised across a diverse range of people was the **violation of immigrants’ rights**.

The Data Privacy Act would close loopholes to protect Maryland residents’ personal data in state databases like driver’s license records from being shared with ICE. This is essential to protect people’s sensitive information from being misused by ICE.

This bill will ensure people can enroll their children in school, access healthcare, and apply for public benefits without fear of being tracked down by ICE. In addition, **protecting data privacy is important for all Maryland residents**, regardless of immigration status.

We are counting on you to pass a clean version of this bill out of your committee. Thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,

The Maryland Just Power Alliance