



## TESTIMONY

### HB1317 State Government – Data-Sharing Agreements and Personal Identifying Information – Prohibition and Reporting (Maryland Data Privacy and Federal Shield Act)

**Bill Sponsor:** Delegate Ivey

**Committee:** Government, Labor, and Elections

**Organization Submitting:** Maryland Legislative Coalition

**Person Submitting:** Cecilia Plante, Co-Chair

**Position:** FAVORABLE

I am submitting this testimony in support of HB1317 on behalf of the Maryland Legislative Coalition, representing more than 30,000 grassroots activists across the state.

The federal government is reaching into our lives and collecting our data in ways that we can't even keep up with. Specifically, in the area of immigration, they are trying to locate people (whether they have any criminal history or not) by gaining access to state records. This is an overreach that should be stopped.

HB1317 provides essential protections for Marylanders by limiting when state and local agencies may share personal identifying information with federal entities. The bill ensures that such data is only released with a valid judicial warrant and prohibits participation in federal registries that could target vulnerable communities.

Marylanders trust that the information they provide to state agencies will be used responsibly. Yet federal agencies increasingly seek access to state-held data through informal or overly broad requests. HB1317 gives Maryland agencies clear legal guardrails so they can decline inappropriate requests and protect residents from potential misuse of their information.

The bill's annual reporting requirement also strengthens transparency and public trust by ensuring that data-sharing agreements are documented and subject to oversight. Therefore, we respectfully urge a **FAVORABLE** report on HB1317.