

Testimony on House Bill – Favorable

HB 0264 – Maryland Data Privacy and Protection Act of 2026

House Government, Labor, and Elections Committee

February 6, 2026

Dear Honorable Chair Wells, Vice Chair Kerr, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Gita Lefstein, and I am a resident of Baltimore County, Maryland. I am writing in support of HB0264, the Maryland Data Privacy and Protection Act of 2026. In these times, when the federal government is demanding all sorts of data on people from multiple sources, and using it to racially profile, religiously profile, profile by gender, and otherwise discriminate against people, it is crucial that the state of Maryland does everything it can to safeguard people's private information.

I respectfully urge you to issue a favorable report on HB0264.

Thank you.

Gita Lefstein