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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 0264 - Maryland Data Privacy and Protection Act of 2026

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TO: Chair Melissa Wells & Members of the House Government, Labor, and Elections Committee

FROM: Andrew Lewis

Members of the Judiciary Committee, my name Andrew Lewis , I live in Odenton, Maryland, and I am writing to support HB 0264, the Maryland Data Privacy and Protection Act of 2026.

All day, every day, we are bombarded with information. There are, at any given time, dozens of things around us demanding our attention. Traffic lights, phone calls, news reports, pets, neighbors, bills. Demand upon demand is placed upon our focus. It feels unreasonable in that case, that we be able to keep track of every single deal, every single bit of fine print, that EVERY single business we interact with has.

I can't know for sure what business is willing to sell my personal data to who. Indeed it seems near impossible to avoid doing business with entities who WON'T try and sell/give away my data. A person should be able to buy a damn coffee, or print a job application, or even fill up a tank of gas without having to worry about whether or not Federal agencies are tracking our every damn move.

Especially when those Agencies are clearly acting in poor faith.

A law preventing the sale of private data from business to ICE is good for the protection of citizens. It gives cover to business owners who may feel pressured by the terror tactics this

agency employs. In short, an agreement like this helps everyone who needs it, and hurts no one. Slam dunk legislation if you ask me.

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