

January 23, 2026

The Honorable William C. Smith, Jr.

Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee

2 East Miller Senate Office Building

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: Support for SB 107, Criminal Law, Distribution of Students' Personal Information, Prohibition

Dear Chair Smith,

Maryland Latinos Unidos (MLU) is honored to express our strong support for Senate Bill 107, Criminal Law, Distribution of Students' Personal Information, Prohibition. SB 107 prohibits distributing personal identifying information or images of a student in secondary or postsecondary education when there is intent or knowledge the information will be used to harm the student, or with reckless disregard for that risk, and establishes misdemeanor penalties. SB 107 is scheduled for a hearing in the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee on January 27, 2026 at 1:00 p.m., and the bill's effective date is October 1, 2026.

Latino and immigrant students are increasingly vulnerable to harassment, intimidation, and targeted exposure, including doxxing and threats connected to national origin, language, or immigration status of family members. Protecting students from malicious distribution of personal information is essential for educational equity because a student cannot learn in a climate of fear.

SB 107 strengthens safeguards that support attendance, mental well being, and a school environment where students can participate in extracurriculars, seek counseling, and engage with educators without fearing retaliation or exposure. Clear legal standards also help schools and families respond quickly when harm occurs.

MLU will amplify SB 107's protective intent by sharing digital safety education with families, supporting culturally responsive outreach on student rights, and partnering with school based organizations to ensure families understand reporting pathways and available supports.

MLU urges the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee to issue a favorable report on SB 107, protecting students and reinforcing safe learning environments across Maryland.

Sincerely,

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