

January 27, 2026

Chair William Smith, Jr.
Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee
2 East Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: Testimony In Support of SB107 Distribution of Students' Personal Information - Prohibition

Dear Chair Smith and Members of the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today in strong support of *Senate Bill 107* which would prohibit the unauthorized distribution of students' personal identifying information with intent to harm or reckless disregard for harm.

As a muslim who is politically involved and actively engaged in advocacy, doxxing is a constant fear of people like me who aspire to stay involved in their communities without putting ourselves at risk. I know lots of Muslim friends and family that have been doxxed and living with the constant fear that something similar could happen to me, gives me a sense of immense anxiety and emotional distress. Doxxing is meant to intimidate and silence our voices, and too often it has succeeded. Therefore, It's very important that this bill passes, because doxxing has been weaponized to disproportionately target people of color, advocates for Palestine, and Muslims. Stronger laws against doxxing means better mental health for students. This makes it clear that exposing someone's private information or life to harass or harm is not protected speech, it is a clear form of intimidation. By passing this bill you are saying you care about the well-being of your constituents and are actively against ending discrimination.

Passing this bill affirms that no one should have to choose between their safety and their voice. Please take this opportunity to show your commitment to Muslim students, students of color, and other marginalized communities, so people like me can continue to participate in activism, organize, and speak out without fear of being targeted or endangered for doing so.

Thank you for your time and consideration, I respectfully urge a favorable report on SB 107.

Sincerely,