

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.

I am speaking today from direct experience. Myself and other legislators at the University of Maryland, College Park Student Government called on our school to stop hosting war criminals from the Israeli Occupation Forces, a pattern that has repeated for decades on our campus. As a result, we were doxxed by our own peers, including our schools Students Supporting Israel Chapter. These speakers have no place on our campus, and we used our constitutionally protected rights to call for this change.

Because of this I was personally targeted at my workplace, a local Maryland business— which has contributed to our community in Carroll County— which was flooded with hateful and racist messages about me calling for my dismissal. This was not simply an online attack, but rather an coordinated effort to "punish" me for speaking out. I am not alone as four other student government representatives at UMD, all who are people of color, were also targeted. Some had no involvement in the resolution, proving the intent was not a debate but rather intimidation of minority voices in the SGA.

This bill is crucial because doxxing is not mere disagreement. We, the students, have the right to call out these abominations for what they are. Doxxing is a strategy used to silence students speaking out and has been weaponized as a psychological method to keep criticism away from this genocide. While Israel continues its assault on Gaza in violation of a supposed ceasefire, students who dare to criticize these atrocities are being silenced through fear such as doxxing.

It has been 3 months since the ceasefire was signed. This same ceasefire that has allowed israel and the IOF to kill over 470 Palestinians. This same ceasefire that has allowed the destruction of over 2,500 buildings in Gaza. This same ceasefire that has allowed israel from blocking humanitarian aid such as food, bottles for baby formula, and syringes for vaccines. We are told that this is a nation working for peace and an army that is the most moral in the entire world. This same moral occupation force that has continued to bomb Lebanon and build illegal expansions into Syria. This issue is far greater than it seems and has affected countless students across the entire state of Maryland.

Passing SB 107 sends a clear message: Maryland will protect its students' right to engage in democracy without facing targeted harassment that jeopardizes their education, employment, and personal security. Recognizing that doxxing is a deliberate strategy to suppress speech, this bill ensures that students are protected from intimidation. Stronger anti-doxxing laws means protecting democracy on our campuses. Passing this shows that Maryland ensures no student has to choose between speaking truth to power and protecting their own safety.

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

Sincerely,

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