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**TESTIMONY ON HB#/0566- POSITION: FAVORABLE**

**Criminal Law – Distribution of Students’ Personal Information – Prohibition**

**TO:** Chair Bartlett, Vice Chair Davis, and members of the Judiciary Committee

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My name is Richard Keith Kaplowitz. I am a resident of District 3, Frederick County. I am submitting this testimony in support of HB#/0566, **Criminal Law – Distribution of Students’ Personal Information – Prohibition**

The misuse of the tools of AI has created new problems in our society in which the technology is employed to abuse and bully and harm students using their social media, modified by AI, against them. This bill will prohibit a person from distributing personal identifying information or images of a student enrolled in an institution of secondary education or an institution of postsecondary education with intent or knowledge that the information will be used to harm the student or with reckless disregard for the risk the information will be used to harm the student; and providing that a person who violates the Act is guilty of a misdemeanor and is subject to imprisonment of up to 1 year or a fine of up to \$5,000 or both.

The FBI has warned against this problem. <sup>1</sup>

The FBI warns that this technology can cause serious damage in the wrong hands.

“In the image and video domain the threat ranges from damaging election integrity by creating fake videos of politicians to harming individuals’ lives through bullying and intimidation,” the FBI said. “The latter might be accomplished through nonconsensual pornography that superimposes a victim’s face into explicit content or uses techniques to alter a clothed image of the victim to make them appear naked.

This bill will protect students from these deprivations and privacy violations.

**I respectfully urge this committee to return an favorable report on HB#/0566.**

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.army.mil/article/274546/fbi\\_warns\\_against\\_misuse\\_of\\_artificial\\_intelligence](https://www.army.mil/article/274546/fbi_warns_against_misuse_of_artificial_intelligence)