



Maryland Crime Victims' Resource Center, Inc.

Continuing the Missions of the Stephanie Roper Committee and Foundation, Inc.

☎ 877-VICTIM-1 (877-842-8461) ✉ mail@mdcrimevictims.org 🌐 mdcrimevictims.org

LETTER IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 184: Identity Fraud; AI; Deepfake.

January 30, 2026

Headquarters

1001 Prince George's Boulevard
Suite 750
Upper Marlboro, MD 20774
301-952-0063
877-842-8461 (toll free)
240-929-0526 (fax)

Baltimore

1 North Charles Street
Suite 700
Baltimore, MD 21201

**Carroll, Howard, &
Baltimore Counties**

Oakland Manor
5430 Vantage Point Road
Columbia, MD 21044
240-335-4032

Eastern Shore

240-335-4012

**Frederick &
Montgomery Counties**

240-335-4021

Southern Maryland

301-952-0063

Western Maryland

59 Prospect Square
Suite 6
Cumberland, MD 21502
240-335-4013

On behalf of the Maryland Crime Victims' Resource Center (MCVRC), I write to express our strong support for House Bill 184/SB8. MCVRC provides legal services for crime victims throughout Maryland and is the largest nonprofit of its kind in the country. We write on behalf of our ever-increasing number of clients who have suffered as a result of identity theft.

I urge your support for this legislation that will strengthen protections against identity theft and the proliferation of deepfake technology. The rapid advancement of artificial intelligence has vastly expanded the tools available to bad actors, making it easier than ever to steal identities, fabricate images, and circulate false or harmful content with devastating consequences for victims.

Every month, MCVRC is in contact with clients whose personal information has been used to open fraudulent accounts or whose likenesses have been manipulated into lifelike, sexually explicit, or defamatory images. Existing laws are often inadequate to prosecute these violations or to ensure victims receive swift remedies. Our statutes need to adjust with the times. This legislation represents a critical step forward.

Passing House Bill 184 would allow our courts to respond in new ways to these evolving threats to our Marylanders' reputations and financial stability. MCVRC encourages the House to pass HB184/SB8 to help address the advancing threat of artificial intelligence used to victimize others. The law must evolve to reflect not only new technologies but also the very real harms they cause.

Thank you for this and all your efforts aimed at protecting Marylanders from these emerging harms. On behalf of Maryland victims, we ask you to pass House Bill 184.

Sincerely,

Laura Corbett Wilt, Senior Supervising Attorney
240-335-4004; lwilt@mdcrimevictims.org

Joined by: Joanna Mupanduki, Deputy Director & Kurt Wolfgang, Executive Director