



**Written Testimony from the
Independent Insurance Agents of Maryland
House Bill 117**

Maryland Personal Information Act - Revisions

Position: Oppose

Dear Chairman Davis and members of the House Economic Matters Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony in opposition to HB 117. The Independent Insurance Agents of Maryland (IIAM) is the State's oldest trade association of independent insurance agents. It represents 200 independent agencies, which employ over 2000 people in the state. IIAM represents independent insurance agents and brokers who present consumers with a choice of policy options from a variety of different insurance companies. These small, medium, and large businesses offer a variety of insurance products – including property, casualty, life, health, employee benefit plans, and retirement products.

The majority of our members are very small businesses with limited resources. We currently take every precaution to protect the personal information of all our clients. The provisions set forth in HB 117 will make this process more onerous and costly for these businesses. We urge your unfavorable vote on this legislation.

IIA Maryland's Legislative Representation

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