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**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB234/HB23**

**Personal Information - State and Local Agencies - Restrictions on Access**

**TO:** Chair Smith, Vice Chair Waldstreicher, and members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee

**FROM:** Jerry Kickenson

My name is Jerry Kickenson, and I live in Silver Spring, District 18. I am writing in support of SB234/HB23, Personal Information - State and Local Agencies - Restrictions on Access.

Jewish sacred text and tradition teach us to welcome the stranger, for we were strangers in the land of Egypt. Leviticus 19:34 explicitly instructs us to treat the immigrant in our land the same as native citizens.

HB23 would prohibit MVA, as well as state and local law enforcement agencies, from sharing personal data with federal agencies for civil immigration enforcement, and for criminal immigration enforcement without a judicial warrant. It would also require public reporting of all such requests.

**I strongly urge you to reach a favorable report for SB234.** It will protect the privacy of all Maryland residents, and help protect our immigrant neighbors residing in Maryland. It is the moral and right thing to do.