



## **SB 234/HB 023 – SUPPORT**

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### **Public Information Act – State and Local Agencies – Restrictions on Access**

Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee/House Judiciary Committee

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Dear Chair Smith and Members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee:

The Maryland Chapter of Doctors for Camp Closure strongly supports the Maryland Driver Privacy Act SB 234/HB 023. We are part of the national Doctors for Camp Closure organization which is a non-partisan organization of over 2,200 physicians and health care professionals from all specialties who oppose inhumane detention of migrants and refugees who are attempting to enter the United States of America.

We know as eye witnesses, that there is no healthy amount of time for an immigrant to be detained. We have been inside of immigration detention centers and we know how hazardous these places are both to the immigrants and their families. When Maryland Motor Vehicles Administration releases the names of undocumented immigrants who live in Maryland, that results in ICE arrests, detentions and deportations.

It is critical that our immigrant neighbors know that they can trust the Motor Vehicles Administration. They need to know that they can get drivers' licenses so that they can drive safely and with car insurance.

They should not have to fear that their information will then be disclosed to ICE. That puts them at very high risk of detention and deportation. The end result will be family separation and untold suffering.

On behalf of the health of these immigrants and their families we urge you to support the passage of the Maryland Driver Privacy Act.

We urge a favorable report on SB 234/HB 023.