

Wilmington, Delaware
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WHEREAS, Wilmington City Council recognizes the importance of protecting residents'

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personal privacy and safeguarding sensitive personal information, which is essential to the

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effective administration of public services and to public trust; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 238 (HB 238), An Act to Amend Title 30 and Title 19 of the Delaware Code Relating to Disclosure of Information by the Department of Finance and Department of Labor, would prohibit officers and employees of the Delaware Departments of Finance or Labor from disclosing any information regarding an individual's citizenship or immigration status in any agency document or database without a court order in association with a felony criminal investigation or approval from the Attorney General; and

WHEREAS, information sharing for the purposes of immigration enforcement has raised concerns about privacy and the potential misuse of sensitive personal information. These practices discourage individuals from earning wages, reporting income, and filing taxes, undermining workforce participation and impacting economic stability for the individuals as well as the State; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Finance and the Department of Labor oversee a range of services, including services related to the filing of business and personal income tax returns, providing access to employment services, administering unemployment benefits, investigating wage theft, and handling workplace discrimination complaints. HB 238 constitutes an important safeguard to ensure that individuals' access to vital public services is not undermined, regardless of their immigration status. Without clear assurances that their personal

information is safe, vulnerable communities risk becoming further marginalized and susceptible to occupational exploitation; and

WHEREAS, protecting sensitive information is essential to public trust and the well-being of Wilmingtonians and residents throughout the State of Delaware. HB 238 establishes clear requirements and accountability for the officers and employees of the Department of Labor and the Department of Finance regarding the handling and disclosure of personal information. HB 238 ensures confidential information remains protected and clarifies when this information can be disclosed under State law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that this Legislative body is in strong support of House Bill 238 (HB 238), An Act to Amend Title 30 and Title 19 of the Delaware Code Relating to Disclosure of Information by the Department of Finance and Department of Labor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Wilmington City Council respectfully urges the members of the Delaware General Assembly to support HB 238.

Passed by City Council,

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

SYNOPSIS: This Resolution respectfully urges the honorable members of the Delaware General Assembly to support House Bill 238 (HB 238), An Act to Amend Title 30 and Title 19 of the Delaware Code Relating to Disclosure of Information by the Department of Finance and Department of Labor, prohibiting officers and employees of the Department of Finance and Department of Labor from disclosing citizenship or immigration status information contained in agency documents or databases, except when permitted by law.