

**Testimony of
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on behalf of
Consumer Data Industry Association**

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TO: Representative Karl Rhoads
Chair, Committee on Judiciary
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RE: **H.B. 712 H.D.1 – Relating to Credit Protection**
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Conference Room: 325

Dear Chair Rhoads and Members of the Committee on Judiciary,

We offer this testimony on behalf of the Consumer Data Industry Association (CDIA). Founded in 1906, CDIA is an international trade association that represents more than 200 data companies. CDIA members represent the nation's leading institutions in credit reporting, mortgage reporting, fraud prevention, risk management, employment reporting, tenant screening and collection services.

CDIA **supports** H.B. 712, H. D. 1 and offers comments.

Consumer reporting agencies work hard to prevent ID theft for all people but especially for minors. When ID theft does occur, our members work hard to remediate the problems ID theft causes. CDIA's concern about the original bill was not with its intent to decrease ID theft but instead was based on the fact that credit bureaus do not knowingly create credit files for minors. Therefore, minors do not typically have existing credit files. Creating credit files for minors, simply for the purpose of freezing them, could actually lead to more fraud issues.

However, the prior committee has amended the bill such that, in its present form, it is a workable measure that is consistent with similar laws that have been passed in other states. We appreciate the efforts of the Committee on Consumer Protection to modify the bill. Accordingly, CDIA is in support of the H. D. 1 version of H. B. 712.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify.

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