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**Vote Yes on House Bill HB:1113**

Bill Title: State Finance and Procurement - Procurement Improvement Council - Required Use of eMaryland Marketplace

Hearing Date: March 10, 2020

Chair: Shane Pendergrass, Health and Government Operations

I write to you today in **support** of **House Bill HB: 1113**. The purpose of the bill would be to require that the Procurement Improvement Council provide a forum to discuss the use of eMaryland Marketplace. The Council would be required to report any recommendations on compliance and enforcement relating to procurement to committees within the General Assembly by December 31, 2021. This bill would also require that hospitals that receive certain funding from the state, publish notices of procurement on eMaryland Marketplace.

This bill is important because it would provide more oversight over the Procurement Improvement Council. Over the past few years, steps have been taken in order to modernize the procurement process within the state of Maryland. In 2019, sweeping changes were made to the process, including the introduction of eMaryland Marketplace Advantage (eMMA). This bill continues the work that was done last year in order to expand the usage of eMaryland Marketplace, by requiring hospitals that receive state funding to use it as well.

In order to improve the procurement process in the state of Maryland, we hope that you will move for a **favorable** report of **House Bill: 1113**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nick Charles".

Nick Charles  
Maryland State Delegate - District 25