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TO: The Honorable Paul G. Pinsky
Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

FROM: Marc Elrich
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RE: Support with Amendments:

Senate Bill 754 – *Local Government Cybersecurity – Coordination and Operations (Local Cybersecurity Support Act of 2022)*

Senate Bill 780 – *Cybersecurity Governance Act of 2022*

Senate Bill 812 – *State Government - Cybersecurity - Coordination and Governance*

I am writing to support the enactment of legislation that increases State funding for cybersecurity programs that enhance the ability of local governments to address cybersecurity threats, facilitates constructive coordination between the State and local governments, and strikes a reasonable balance regarding administrative requirements imposed on local cybersecurity officials (e.g., assessments and reporting). The package of bills referenced above contain many provisions that are consistent with these goals and some that are inconsistent.

The County will be working closely with the Maryland Association of Counties as these bills move forward and stands ready to assist the Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee in any way that would be helpful. We have an excellent cybersecurity team that would welcome the opportunity to participate in discussions or provide information as needed.

I respectfully request that the Committee carefully evaluate the differences between the bills so that the Committee can develop a final product that provides meaningful enhancements to State and local cybersecurity efforts without imposing unnecessary, duplicative, or overly burdensome mandates on local governments that divert resources away from critically important cybersecurity efforts.

cc: Members of the Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee