



# MARYLAND TECH COUNCIL

**TO:** The Honorable Brian J. Feldman, Chair  
Members, Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee  
The Honorable Senate President Bill Ferguson (Administration)

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**RE:** **SUPPORT** – Senate Bill 472 – *State Government – Permits, Licenses, and Certificates – Processing (Transparent Government Act of 2024)*

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The Maryland Tech Council (MTC) is a community of nearly 800 Maryland member companies that span the full range of the technology sector. Our vision is to propel Maryland to become the number one innovation economy for life sciences and technology in the nation. We bring our members together and build Maryland's innovation economy through advocacy, networking, and education. We are writing today in **support** of Senate Bill 472.

This bill seeks to bring transparency and clarification around the process of applying for and obtaining permits, licenses, and certificates from the State. The bill also requires that each department in the State publish the time it will take to process each application type. Our members welcome the steps the Administration is taking to improve these processes. It can be difficult for companies, particularly smaller companies, to navigate the State bureaucracy when seeking permits or other approvals. Creating clear expectations on process and timelines will be very beneficial for these companies. Making Maryland an easier place for businesses to innovate and thrive is core to the MTC's mission, and this legislation is aligned with that goal.

We respectfully request a **favorable** report.

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