



# MARYLAND TECH COUNCIL

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The Honorable Ben Barnes, Chair  
Members, House Health and Government Operations Committee  
Members, House Appropriations Committee  
The Honorable Katie Fry Hester

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RE: **SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENT** – Senate Bill 982 – *Information Technology – Modernization of Information Technology Projects*

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The Maryland Tech Council (MTC) is a collaborative community, actively engaged in building stronger life science and technology companies by supporting the efforts of our individual members who are saving and improving lives through innovation. We support our member companies who are driving innovation through advocacy, education, workforce development, cost savings programs, and connecting entrepreneurial minds. The valuable resources we provide to our members help them reach their full potential, making Maryland a global leader in the life sciences and technology industries. On behalf of MTC, we submit this letter of **support with amendment** for Senate Bill 982.

Senate Bill 982 aims to address areas of concern within Maryland's information technology (IT) landscape by reforming the governance, oversight, and management of IT modernization and centralization of projects within the State. This comprehensive bill will help enhance efficiency, and bolster cybersecurity measures. MTC is very supportive of the goals outlined by this bill. MTC requested an amendment to add "A member of the Maryland Technology Council" to the membership of the Technology Investment Board. Under the amended version of the bill, the Technology Investment Board was struck. However, the Senate added "One representative of the information technology industry, appointed by the Governor." We appreciate that this change was made to ensure the voice of the private sector is included in these important deliberations. Together, through collaborative efforts and strategic initiatives, we can propel Maryland towards a more technologically advanced and resilient future. We urge a **favorable** report.

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