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TO: The Honorable Brian J. Feldman  
Chair, Education, Energy and the Environment Committee

FROM: Howard Barr  
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RE: Senate Bill 294 – Maryland Cybersecurity Council - Alterations - **Support**

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The Office of the Attorney General supports Senate Bill 294- State Government - Maryland Cybersecurity Council – Alterations. This bill alters the selection of the membership and chair of the Maryland Cybersecurity Council, adds members to the Council, and expands the Council’s responsibilities.

Of particular interest to the Attorney General, under the bill, the Attorney General will remain a member of the Council, but will no longer serve as the Council chair and will not have membership selection responsibilities. The OAG supports this change and supports SB 294 as amended by the Senate. As expressed in earlier testimony, it is the position of the OAG that, because the Attorney General is not intimately involved with cybersecurity issues, it is in the Council’s best interest that it be chaired by an individual more closely tied to that sector.

Thank you for considering this testimony. For the foregoing reasons, the Office of the Attorney General urges a favorable report on **Senate Bill 294 as amended**.

cc: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee members