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TESTIMONY ON SB#/0085- POSITION: FAVORABLE

Department of Information Technology - Information Technology Investment Fund – Uses

TO: Chair Guzzone, Vice Chair Rosapepe, and members of the Budget & Taxation Committee

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My name is Richard Keith Kaplowitz. I am a resident of District 3, Frederick County. I am submitting this testimony in support of SB#/0085, Department of Information Technology - Information Technology Investment Fund – Uses

This bill will recognize the rapid pace of technology requires a prompt and directed response through authorizing the Information Technology Investment Fund, at the discretion of the Secretary of Information Technology, to be used to support State-owned communication sites, communication facilities, and telecommunications equipment used in connection with certain information technology agreements; etc.

There are at least 10 good reasons to have this flexibility in the state's response to that technical environment.

Navigating the rapid currents of the contemporary digital landscape requires businesses to adopt up-to-date technology, transforming it from a luxury into a necessity for those pursuing success. The relentless evolution of technology has a profound impact on the way we conduct business, and failing to keep up can lead to missed opportunities and decreased competitiveness.¹

To effectively support Maryland government functions and provide superior service to both employees and the public they serve this bill facilitates those processes.

I respectfully urge this committee to return a favorable report on SB#/0085.

¹ <https://www.entremt.com/tech-evolution-why-staying-up-to-date-is-crucial-for-business-success/>