



House Economic Matters Committee

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House Bill 487 – *Maryland Technology Development Corporation – Investments – Alterations*

**POSITION: SUPPORT**

The Maryland Tech Council (MTC), with over 800 members, is the State's largest association of technology companies. Our vision is to propel Maryland to be the country's number one innovation economy for life sciences and technology. MTC brings the State's life sciences and technology communities into a single, united organization that empowers members to achieve their goals through advocacy, networking, and education. On behalf of MTC, we submit this letter of **support** for House Bill 487.

House Bill 487 enhances the capabilities of the Maryland Technology Development Corporation (TEDCO) and aligns its investment oversight processes with best practices for economic development and venture investing.

House Bill 487 requires regulations for how investments are reviewed and what remedies are considered when companies in the portfolio no longer meet the definition of a qualified business, including divestment. The changes proposed by this bill would align TEDCO's practices more closely with those in the private capital market. These regulations also allow TEDCO to pursue alternative remedies to divestment that may better serve the State's best interests. This added structure strengthens TEDCO's processes and ensures that its investments effectively serve Maryland's economy. In addition, added flexibility helps TEDCO stay strategic and responsive to market realities, which is key to protecting the State's long-term interests and ensuring public investments in innovation have a lasting impact.

In conclusion, the MTC supports this bill because it provides further clarity and flexibility to TEDCO's already powerful set of economic development tools, thereby strengthening Maryland's technology investment ecosystem. MTC requests a favorable review of House Bill 487.

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