

**Testimony in Support of
Senate Bill 895 - Maryland Technology Internship Program**

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Mister Chairman and Members of the Committee:

My name is Dare Abinleko and I am a graduate student studying Cybersecurity at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. I am a student leader and I am active in the Graduate Student Association and serve as the communications coordinator for the Graduate Experience, Achievements & Research Symposium. I was awarded the NSF cybercorps scholarship for Service. This scholarship allows government both federal and state to recruit and train the next generation of information technology professionals, industrial control system security professionals, and security managers to meet the needs of the cybersecurity missions. In return for my scholarship, I will work post graduation in a cybersecurity field for the government. Recently, I completed an internship at the MD Department of Information Technology. I served as a junior network engineer in the Network and LAN services department. At DoIT, I worked to provide assistance to the Network and LAN services team. I configured and installed new switches/routers/access points at different government agencies. Additionally, I monitored network devices using SolarWinds and conducted troubleshooting to diagnose network problems.

Today, I am here to express my support for the Senate Bill 895 which will support and grow the technical talent in the state of Maryland. Without these experiences in public service, I

would not have considered using my technical skills in the public sector. I am proud that my technical expertise helps the state of Maryland to move technology initiatives forward. It is needed in the state as they are a moving target for cyber attacks. Many of my peers do not even know about state government technical opportunities. Through this expansion, their awareness will grow and they can offer new perspectives and ideas to the government. I urge you to consider these alterations to the Senate Bill 895. Thank you for your time.