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The Honorable Paul G. Pinsky, Chair
Education, health, and Environmental Affairs Committee
2 West, Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Chairman Pinsky,

The Department of Information Technology (DoIT) is providing this letter of support for Senate Bill 1045 - Department of Information Technology - Study of a Common Information Technology Platform for Health Occupations Boards. This bill would require DoIT to conduct a review of the IT platforms used by certain health occupations boards and make recommendations on the feasibility and cost of developing common IT platforms.

The Department of Information Technology continues to find ways to standardize information technology throughout the State Government to create a more effective and efficient governmental information technology system. The review of information technology platforms and other systems throughout the health occupations boards is a good first step to recognizing that standardization. By doing these reviews, DoIT would be able to find areas in which these boards can use economies of scale to save money and therefore run in a more efficient manner saving taxpayer money in the long term.

By standardizing the information technology platforms for the health occupations boards it also allows those boards to focus more on their missions rather than on their websites and other IT operations that would be standardized. Use of these standardized platforms would lead to ensuring greater security, being able to more easily support the needs of the platforms and reduce user confusion across the different boards.

For these reasons, the Maryland Department of Information Technology respectfully requests a favorable report on Senate Bill 1045.

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