



MARYLAND TECH COUNCIL

TO: The Honorable Anne R. Kaiser, Chair
Members, House Ways and Means Committee
The Maryland Department of Commerce

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RE: **SUPPORT** – House Bill 1342 – *Economic Development – Partnership for Workforce Quality Program – Alterations*

The Maryland Tech Council (MTC) is a collaborative community, actively engaged in building stronger life science and technology companies by supporting the efforts of our individual members who are saving and improving lives through innovation. We support our member companies who are driving innovation through advocacy, education, workforce development, cost savings programs, and connecting entrepreneurial minds. The valuable resources we provide to our members help them reach their full potential making Maryland a global leader in the life sciences and technology industries. On behalf of MTC, we submit this letter of **support** for House Bill 1342.

House Bill 1342 expands the purpose of the Partnership for Workforce Quality Program and the eligible uses of the grant under the Program to include training for new employees. The Partnership for Workforce Quality Program currently provides training services to improve the competitiveness and productivity of the State's workforce as well as the business community and upgrades employee skills related to new technologies or production processes. It also assists employers located in the State in promoting employment stability. Including the training of new employees as an eligible use under the Program will serve to enhance and expand the qualified workforce available to the life sciences and technology industries in the State and will further enhance the effectiveness of the Program in meeting its objectives. A favorable report is requested.

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