SENATE BUDGET AND TAXATION COMMITTEE
Senate Bill 811
State Government – Information Technology and Cybersecurity–Related Infrastructure
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Michael Eismeier, Assistant Vice Chancellor for IT
Favorable with Amendment

Chair Guzzone, Vice Chair Rosapepe and committee members, thank you for the opportunity to share our thoughts on Senate Bill 811. The bill provides for the Maryland Stadium Authority to issue bonds for the purpose of funding information technology (IT) and cybersecurity related purchases. Purchases made by State government entities under this law would be subject to oversite by State Department of Information Technology.

The University System of Maryland (USM) has developed cybersecurity policies and reporting procedures to the Board of Regents appropriate for higher education institutions. Specifically, USM does not fall under State DoIT's IT Investment Portfolio oversite and therefore does not designate projects as such for the purpose that DoIT requires of Executive Branch agencies. Projects of certain dollar thresholds and criticality are reported to the Board of Regents as a matter of policy though.

The USM respectfully requests an amendment to be excluded from Senate Bill 811.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to share our thoughts.

About the University System of Maryland

The University System of Maryland (USM)—one system made up of 12 institutions, three regional centers, and a central office—awards 8 out of every 10 bachelor's degrees in the State of Maryland. The USM is governed by a Board of Regents, comprised of 21 members from diverse professional and personal backgrounds. The chancellor, Dr. Jay Perman, oversees and manages the operations of USM. However, each constituent institution is run by its own president who has authority over that university. Each of USM's 12 institutions has a distinct and unique approach to the mission of educating students and promoting the economic, intellectual, and cultural growth of its surrounding community. These institutions are located throughout the state, from western Maryland to the Eastern Shore, with the flagship campus in the Washington suburbs. The USM includes Historically Black Colleges and Universities, comprehensive institutions, research universities, and the country's largest public online institution.