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The Honorable Paul G. Pinsky  
Senate Committee on Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs  
Miller Senate Office Building, 2 West Wing  
11 Bladen St  
Annapolis, MD 21401 - 1991

Dear Chairman Pinsky,

Motorola Solutions is a leading cybersecurity services provider committed to protecting our enterprise and public safety customers, and the communities they serve, from the constantly evolving threat landscape. We wish to affirm our support of SB754: Local Government Cybersecurity - Coordination and Operations (Local Cybersecurity Support Act of 2022), as a positive step forward in improving the defense of Maryland's critical networks and infrastructure.

Cyber threats are increasing in scope, scale, and complexity but most local governments lack the end-to-end cyber threat intelligence and defense capabilities required to adequately mitigate risk and ensure the continuity of public services. SB 754 acknowledges this reality and implements important measures to improve local government preparedness, including establishment of the Cybersecurity Fusion Center and the Local Cybersecurity Support Fund.

In accordance with SB 754, the fusion center will coordinate statewide cybersecurity as a central hub for information sharing across federal, state, and local entities as well as private sector organizations. It will play a critical role in supporting the "public-private operational collaboration" that the U.S. Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency's (CISA) Executive Director emphasized during recent testimony<sup>1</sup> before the U.S. Congress. Motorola Solutions looks forward to our collaboration with the fusion center as we continue to establish a Public Safety Information Sharing and Analysis Organization (ISAO), wholly dedicated to mitigating threats to public safety.

Another key provision within SB 754 establishes the Local Cybersecurity Support Fund to support local governments in the improvement of their cybersecurity preparedness. In addition to the purchase of new hardware and software, the provision provides local governments with funding for cybersecurity services from outside vendors including managed detection and response. Such cybersecurity services

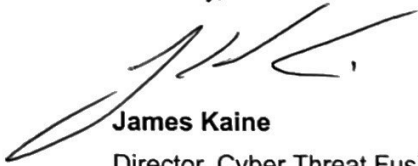
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<sup>1</sup> <https://oversight.house.gov/sites/democrats.oversight.house.gov/files/Wales%20Testimony.pdf>

will be critical given that all but the largest municipalities must focus their limited resources on core functions, including 9-1-1 and dispatch services, rather than in-house cybersecurity personnel that are in extremely short supply and capabilities that are too often cost prohibitive.

Motorola Solutions stands ready to support local governments across Maryland with world class cybersecurity services, coupled with our Public Safety ISAO, to advance the state's cybersecurity posture and preparedness. We applaud the General Assembly's focus on improving statewide cybersecurity through local government funding and empowerment, and we fully support passage of SB 754 as an important step moving forward.

Sincerely,

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