

January 26, 2022

The Honorable Delores Kelley  
Chair, Senate Finance Committee  
Miller Senate Office Building, 3 East  
11 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, MD 21401

**Re: SENATE BILL 11 – THE MARYLAND ONLINE CONSUMER PROTECTION AND CHILD SAFETY ACT  
(Favorable with Amendments)**

Dear Chair Kelley and Members of the Senate Finance Committee:

I am writing on behalf of LexisNexis Risk Solutions (“LexisNexis”), a leading provider of credential verification and identification services for government agencies, Fortune 1000 businesses, and the property and casualty industry, to express concerns with Senate Bill 11, as introduced. While LexisNexis appreciates and supports Maryland’s efforts to provide practical and effective consumer protections for personal information and data, we join with industry in seeking clarifications in the proposed law to ensure the inclusion of the most up to date definitions and provisions and preserve our ability to provide quality services to our customers, particularly in the area of supporting fraud detection and identity theft.

Specifically, LexisNexis respectfully requests that the Committee consider amending the proposed legislation to clarify provisions relating to (1) exemptions for entities currently regulated by federal law, (2) exemptions for fraud prevention and detection, (3) definitions of consumer and personal information, and (4) penalties and enforcement. We stand willing to work with the Sponsor and the Committee to develop language that achieves the intended privacy protections for consumers, while allowing industry participants to effectively comply and continue to provide valuable services.

LexisNexis takes this opportunity to thank Senator Lee for working with us on amendments to the proposed legislation in previous Sessions and we remain committed to continuing that work to develop and implement best practices for data privacy, based on our expertise and experience. Thank you for your consideration of LexisNexis’ feedback on the proposed legislation.

Please let us know if we can answer any questions or provide any additional information.

Respectfully submitted,

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