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TESTIMONY PRESENTED TO THE
HOUSE HEALTH AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

HOUSE BILL 419
STATE GOVERNMENT - INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY - CYBERSECURITY

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POSITION: FAVORABLE

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Chairwoman Pendergrass, Vice Chairwoman Pena-Melnyk, and Members of this Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of House Bill 419.

This bill moves Maryland forward in meaningful ways to have a strong cybersecurity posture by codifying current successes within the Maryland State government. By codifying the establishment of the Office of Security Management within the Department of Information Technology, the position of State Chief Information Security Officer, and the Maryland Cybersecurity Coordinating Council you will be adopting a best practice approach that will be difficult to change. The proposed alterations to the membership of the Council will strengthen this group that has proven itself effective and informative. Requiring each unit of the Legislative Branch or Judicial Branch of State government that uses a certain network to certify certain compliance to the Department by December 1 each year would give the State CISO the insight they need to protect our states systems and citizens effectively.

Our organization urges a favorable report. Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.