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TO: The Honorable Guy Guzzone

Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee

FROM: Hannibal G. Williams II Kemerer

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RE: SB 451 - Procurement Improvement Council – Membership (**Support with** 

**Amendment**)

The Office of the Attorney General "OAG" requests a favorable with amendment report on Chair Griffith's Senate Bill 451. Senate Bill 451 would add the Comptroller as a member of the Procurement Improvement Council "PIC" and authorize the Comptroller to send a designee to the PIC if the Comptroller is unable to attend. The OAG respectfully requests a friendly amendment to SB 451, whereby the Attorney General (or his designee) be added the PIC, as well.

We respectfully request a favorable with amendment report on SB 451, such that the Attorney General or his designee is added to the PIC.

cc: The Hon. Finance Chair Melony Griffith & Committee Members

This bill letter is a statement of the Office of Attorney General's policy position on the referenced pending legislation. For a legal or constitutional analysis of the bill, Members of the House and Senate should consult with the Counsel to the General Assembly, Sandy Brantley. She can be reached at 410-946-5600 or sbrantley@oag.state.md.us.