



February 15, 2023

Chairman Wilson
Vice Chairman Crosby
Economic Matters Committee

Dear Chairman Wilson and members of the Economic Matters committee:

The Security Industry Association, headquartered in Maryland, is the leading trade association for security solution providers, with over 1,300 innovative member companies representing thousands of safety and security leaders in Maryland and throughout the U.S.

We write to support the proposed security related requirements outlined in House Bill 556 which would establish operating requirements for the safeguarding of cannabis facilities and products, including but not limited to physical security, video, and alarm requirements.

Of the states that have legalized marijuana and/or cannabis products so far, all have been accompanied by comprehensive security rules and regulations. These security regulations, while varying from state to state, generally focus on three common security components: video surveillance, access control, and alarm systems—each of which are core products and services our members provide and are working with cannabis suppliers nationwide to implement.

On behalf of our members, the Security Industry Association is committed to working with you and the state of Maryland to address these important needs and are here to offer any subject matter expertise that may be beneficial during the legislative process and regulatory development. Additionally, attached you will find a SIA guide to cannabis industry security requirements nationwide that you may find helpful as you consider these measures.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jake Parker". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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