



MARYLAND TECH COUNCIL

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RE: **SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENT** – House Bill 1034 – *Public Safety – Artificial Intelligence Impact Advisory Board – Establishment*

The Maryland Tech Council (MTC) **supports with amendment** *House Bill 1034: Public Safety – Artificial Intelligence Impact Advisory Board – Establishment*. We are a community of over 700 Maryland member companies that span the full range of the technology sector. Our vision is to propel Maryland to become the number one innovation economy for life sciences and technology in the nation. We bring our members together and build Maryland’s innovation economy through advocacy, networking, and education.

House Bill 1034 establishes an Artificial Intelligence (AI) Impact Advisory Board to study the impact of artificial intelligence in various key areas, such as the impact on key industry sectors and economic, social, and ethical implications that accompany widespread adoption of artificial intelligence in everyday life.

The widespread adoption of artificial intelligence is growing at a rapid pace across all types of industries, including healthcare, education, finance, transportation, manufacturing, and defense. The role these technologies play in our everyday lives is only going to continue to grow. Therefore, we believe it is right to bring together stakeholders to examine all of the implications and potential unintended consequences of this technology. MTC agrees that eventually some regulations and guardrails are going to be needed with respect to AI. However, such regulations need to balance the need for protecting and safeguarding people while ensuring we have an environment where companies continue to innovate and improve the quality of life through technology.

As drafted, this legislation includes “two members from the technology industry with expertise in artificial intelligence.” We applaud the sponsor’s attempt to include the technology industry in these discussions. However, we suggest an amendment to be a little more specific as to what type of representatives would best serve this board. We recommend that there be “one member from the technology industry with technical expertise in the development and use of artificial intelligence technology” AND “one member from the technology industry with business operations experience, including production, innovation, financial, marketing, human resources, and operations.” We believe being more specific with the technology industry representation will ensure the Board has the perspective of each side of the industry.

With our suggested amendment, we urge a favorable report.