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## **Health And Government Operations Committee**

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## <u>HB 1034- Public Safety – Artificial Intelligence Impact Advisory Board – Establishment</u>

Dear Members of the Maryland General Assembly,

I am writing to advocate for the passage of HB 1034, which seeks to establish the Artificial Intelligence (A.I.) Impact Advisory Board. In the face of the rapid advancement of A.I. technology, it is imperative that we undertake a proactive approach to its integration into our society and economy.

Currently, there are no laws in the state of Maryland that regulate or govern the use of A.I. This bill is about getting the conversation started and bringing stakeholders to the table to determine the best approach for welcoming this technology into our lives. The A.I. Impact Advisory Board will play a crucial role in this process by conducting research, gathering perspectives from experts and the public, and making recommendations for legislation that will help ensure that A.I. is utilized in a manner that benefits the state and its citizens.

The board will focus on the impact of A.I. in the healthcare, education, transportation, and criminal justice sectors, as well as its potential economic, social, and ethical implications. By conducting a comprehensive analysis of these issues, the board will provide valuable insights and recommendations that will inform the development and deployment of A.I. in Maryland.

It should be noted that the establishment of the A.I. Impact Advisory Board will have a modest financial impact, with general fund expenditures increasing by \$112,500 in FY 2024. However, this investment is necessary and will ultimately pay off by positioning Maryland at the forefront of the A.I. revolution and ensuring that the technology is utilized in a manner that benefits our state and its citizens.

In conclusion, I strongly urge you to support HB 1034 and the establishment of the A.I. Impact Advisory Board. This legislation is a critical step in ensuring that Maryland is well-prepared for the integration of A.I. into our society and economy, and will help position our state as a leader in this technological revolution.

For the aforementioned reasons I urge a FAVORABLE report.