



MARYLAND TECH COUNCIL

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RE: **SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENT** – House Bill 1068 – *Commission on Responsible Artificial Intelligence in Maryland*

The Maryland Tech Council (MTC) **supports with amendment** *House Bill 1068: Commission on Responsible Artificial Intelligence in Maryland*. 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 1068 establishes a Commission on Responsible Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Maryland to study issues related to the use and regulation of AI. 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 “one representative of an industry with experience relevant to the work of the Commission.” We appreciate that the sponsor included the industry on the Commission, however, we believe that technology industry representation must be significantly bolstered. AI technology applies to many different types of industry sectors, as stated above. It is impractical to expect that a single industry representative can understand applications across different industries and represent their interests on this Commission. Therefore, the MTC respectfully requests an amendment to add “**four representatives from distinct industry sectors impacted by artificial intelligence.**” We believe that having the perspectives of different industries will be critical to the work contemplated by this legislation.

With our suggested amendment, we urge a favorable report.



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