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**Testimony in Support of
House Bill 1068: Commission on Responsible Artificial Intelligence in Maryland
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Madam Chair Peña-Melnyk and esteemed members of the Health and Government Operations Committee, it is my pleasure to come before you and offer testimony in favor of **House Bill 1068: Commission on Responsible Artificial Intelligence in Maryland**. If enacted, this bill would establish a commission to develop a report outlining best practices for public sector use of artificial intelligence (AI) in our great state.

Legislators have begun to provide parameters for the use of AI in a wide range of areas including law enforcement and criminal justice, cybersecurity and education. These efforts are laudable and highlight growing legislative interest in the subject. They also demonstrate the need for a shared baseline of knowledge and a cohesive framework to promote cross-government understanding of the issues surrounding AI, its many benefits, as well as potential pitfalls. Thus, the need for a commission.

The Commission would include cabinet secretaries, industry leaders, academics with specializations in AI, representatives from our anchor institutions, and consumer groups. Each named member of the commission has been approached and is excited at the possibility of participation.

The work of the commission, spread over two years, would examine what AI is (including how it is defined now and may be in the future); investigate what the federal, State, and local regulatory landscape is; determine whether an appropriate regulating authority for AI currently exists; explore how other states and nations regulate AI; and develop best practices for the public sector uses of AI in Maryland. Through this commission we will then have a state framework on the responsible use(s) of AI.

I urge a favorable report on **House Bill 1068**. Thank you.