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SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENT SB247

Information Technology - Modernize Maryland Oversight Commission

Good afternoon EEE Chair and Committee Members,

I am Emily Tarsell, President of Health Choice Maryland, a grassroots non-profit organization focused on health choice and medical rights. I am writing to request an amendment to SB247.

While it seems reasonable to update and modernize the Maryland Oversight Commission, the very name of the commission implies that one of the roles of the commission with regard to technology and cybersecurity is oversight. Heretofore, that oversight included the responsibility to *“ensure the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of information held by the State concerning State residents.”* That responsibility was struck from the new bill!

It would seem that given all of the threats to privacy posed today by technology, the need for oversight to *“ensure the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of information held by the State concerning State residents.”* is greater than ever. We respectfully request that those words be put back in the bill since indeed it should be one of the major purposes of the Oversight Commission.

Please amend the bill as noted above.
Thank you.

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