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Title: Maryland Artificial Intelligence Advisory and Oversight Commission Education, Energy, and the Environment Hearing: February 22, 2024

Dear Chair, Vice Chair, and Respected Members of the Committee:

I am writing to express my endorsement of **Senate Bill 1087**, which seeks to establish the Maryland Artificial Intelligence Advisory and Oversight Commission. The primary objective of this legislation is to provide guidance to the State in the growth, development, utilization, and diversification of Artificial Intelligence. Ensuring that the inevitable future surrounding AI is being proactively measured against in Maryland.

Significance and Impact: Artificial Intelligence (AI) presents a profound opportunity for American innovation and the immense potential of AI to enhance our lives and governmental functions has been widely acknowledged. **Senate Bill 1087** significance lies in establishing an advisory framework that identifies the risks associated with AI systems and formulates appropriate guidelines for our State's usage. The legislation offers crucial direction as the State progresses in AI expansion, development, utilization, and diversification. Notably it places a strong emphasis on fostering diversity within AI usage, specifically the needs and concerns of underrepresented populations. This includes ensuring diversity in contract awards and training programs related to artificial intelligence, encompassing racial diversity. Additionally, the bill aims to provide assistance and recommendations on the use of AI by diverse groups in the state.

Important Considerations: The establishment of the Maryland Artificial Intelligence Advisory and Oversight Commission is a pivotal stride towards fostering inclusivity in the AI domain. Through the incorporation of an advisory, this commission will play a crucial role in ensuring that the expansion, development, and utilization of artificial intelligence are executed responsibly and with due consideration for racial diversity. I am wholeheartedly dedicated to advocating for

the passage of **SB 1087**, recognizing its significance in promoting fair and responsible integration of AI technologies in our State.

Thank you for your attention, and I urge you to consider the positive impact that **Senate Bill 1087** can have on our state.

Respectfully,

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