



Chairman Brian J. Feldman  
Senate Education, Energy and the Environment Committee  
2 West, Miller Senate Office Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Chairman Brian J. Feldman,

I am writing to express Quantum Loophole's support for SB 474, proposed by Governor Wes Moore, which seeks to differentiate the approval process of proposed private backup generators from the process for public utility generating stations in Maryland.

Quantum Loophole is a developer of the first master planned data center community, offering land, power, fiber, and recycled cooling water solutions. The company's first project is a 2,100+ acre, industrially-zoned site located in Frederick, Maryland.

As a developer specializing in master-planned data center communities, Quantum Loophole understands the role that backup generators play in ensuring uninterrupted operations for data centers. Data centers are critical facilities used to house computer systems that store, process and distribute mass amounts of internet data. These facilities are vital for various industries that already exist in Maryland, including healthcare, hospitality, manufacturing, and education, all of which already rely on robust backup power systems to safeguard against disruptions.

The proposed legislation not only acknowledges the crucial importance of backup generators but also offers essential clarity and guidance regarding their use and regulation. By delineating distinct regulatory frameworks for private backup generators versus public utility generating stations, this bill will facilitate clearer compliance standards and promote the safe and efficient operation of private backup power systems within our communities.

This legislation has the potential to foster continued growth and innovation within Maryland's data center industry. By providing a legislative framework that supports the reliable operation of backup generators, this bill will enhance the attractiveness of Maryland as a destination for not only data center investment, but for other incoming industries as well, and ultimately driving economic development and job creation across the state.

Quantum Loophole is confident that the passage of this bill will have a positive and lasting impact on Maryland's economy and growth.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rich Paul-Hus". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Rich" and last name "Paul-Hus" clearly legible.

Rich Paul-Hus  
Co-Founder and SVP  
Quantum Loophole