



MARYLAND TECH COUNCIL

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RE: **SUPPORT** – Senate Bill 247 – *Information Technology – Modernize Maryland Oversight Commission – Membership, Responsibilities, and Staffing*

The Maryland Tech Council (MTC) is a collaborative community, actively engaged in building stronger life science and technology companies by supporting the efforts of our individual members who are saving and improving lives through innovation. We support our member companies who are driving innovation through advocacy, education, workforce development, cost savings programs, and connecting entrepreneurial minds. The valuable resources we provide to our members help them reach their full potential, making Maryland a global leader in the life sciences and technology industries. On behalf of MTC, we submit this letter of **support** for Senate Bill 247.

Senate Bill 247 makes several changes to the Modernize Maryland Oversight Commission (MMOC). The MTC supports the purpose and mission of the MMOC and commends the Administration for its efforts to bring together subject matter experts to advise the Secretary of the Department of Information Technology (DoIT) on strategic information technology and cybersecurity investments and upgrades based on best practices and on related funding sources. The bill also notably seeks additional input from experts and stakeholders outside of State government, including two representatives from the Maryland Chamber of Commerce with cybersecurity and information technology knowledge, respectively. The bill also adds two end users of State information technology systems who are not state employees. The MTC supports these additions to the MMOC and believes it is crucial that the State government seek stakeholder input on critical issues such as this.

For these reasons, the MTC requests a favorable report on Senate Bill 247.

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