



# MARYLAND TECH COUNCIL

**TO:** The Honorable Brian J. Feldman, Chair  
Members, Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee  
The Honorable J.B. Jennings

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**RE:** **SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENT** – Senate Bill 692 – *Cybersecurity – Workgroup to Study Data Security – Establishment*

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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 with amendment** for Senate Bill 692.

This bill establishes a Workgroup to Study Data Security to examine data protection standards in other states, identify standards for State agencies, and to make recommendations on cybersecurity issues. The MTC is supportive of pulling together a diverse group of stakeholders, internal and external to State government, to look at the ever-evolving challenge of cybersecurity. We appreciate that the bill sponsor has included stakeholders from the private sector on the workgroup established under this bill. However, as the State’s largest association representing technology companies, the Maryland Tech Council respectfully requests inclusion on this workgroup. While the workgroup will primarily be focused on policies and practices internal to State government, there may be downstream impacts on private sector companies that may partner with State agencies on cybersecurity work. The MTC believes it can help inform this work by selecting from the most suitable voices in our membership to be part of this important conversation. We request that the following language be added to the bill:

“ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MARYLAND TECH COUNCIL, DESIGNATED BY THE CEO OF THE MARYLAND TECH COUNCIL.”

Thank you for the consideration.