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TO: The Honorable Brian J. Feldman, Chair
Members, Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee
Chair, Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (Department of Information Technology)

FROM: Andrew G. Vetter
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DATE: February 8, 2024

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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MARYLAND
Chamber of Commerce

LEGISLATIVE POSITION:

Favorable

Senate Bill 247

Information Technology - Modernize Maryland Oversight Commission - Membership, Responsibilities, and Staffing

Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

Thursday, February 8, 2024

Dear Chairman Feldman and Members of the Committee:

Founded in 1968, the Maryland Chamber of Commerce is the leading voice for business in Maryland. We are a statewide coalition of more than 6,800 members and federated partners working to develop and promote strong public policy that ensures sustained economic recovery and growth for Maryland businesses, employees, and families.

Senate Bill 247 would introduce new members and responsibilities to the Modernize Maryland Oversight Commission (the Commission). It would also require the Maryland Department of Information Technology to provide staff for the Commission.

We believe that these additions are extremely beneficial. Senate Bill 247 will add individuals from private industries on the board, adding new and unique perspectives. Furthermore, the addition of a second member from the Maryland Chamber of Commerce with knowledge of cybersecurity issues will allow the board to better advise the Secretary and State Chief Information Security Officer. Dedicated staffing will further enhance the effectiveness of the Commission.

For these reasons, the Maryland Chamber of Commerce respectfully requests a **favorable report** on **SB 247**.

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Wes Moore | Governor
Aruna Miller | Lt. Governor
Katie Savage | Secretary

TO: Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee
FROM: Department of Information Technology
RE: Senate Bill 247 - Information Technology - Modernize Maryland Oversight Commission - Membership, Responsibilities, and Staffing
DATE: February 8, 2024
POSITION: Support

The Honorable Brian J. Feldman, Chair
Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee
2 West, Miller Senate Office Building
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Dear Chairman Feldman,

The Department of Information Technology (DoIT) supports Senate Bill 247 - Information Technology - Modernize Maryland Oversight Commission - Membership, Responsibilities, and Staffing. Senate Bill 247 seeks to modify the responsibilities and membership of the Maryland Management and Oversight Committee (MMOC), transforming it into an advisory committee. This change will allow MMOC to focus on advising the Secretary on strategic IT and cybersecurity investments based on industry best practices and related funding sources.

The current mission of MMOC, which focuses on ensuring the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of information held in State systems, overlaps with the duties performed by the Secretary, the Chief Privacy Officer, the Chief Data Officer, and the State Chief Information Security Officer (SCISO). By transforming MMOC into an advisory committee, it will be able to better support this mission by providing valuable advice and recommendations rather than attempting to evaluate each agency system in the State.

Furthermore, DoIT plans to convene a council of IT leadership from each Executive Branch agency to advise the Secretary on long-term plans for IT and cybersecurity investments and upgrades. This council is expected to meet quarterly, providing a platform for collaboration and effective decision-making.

The modifications proposed by SB 247 will enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of MMOC. By focusing on industry best practices, strategic investments, and funding sources, MMOC will be better equipped to address the evolving challenges in IT and cybersecurity.



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In conclusion, by transforming MMOC into an advisory committee and aligning its responsibilities with industry best practices, this bill will enhance the State's ability to make informed decisions regarding IT and cybersecurity investments.

For these reasons, the Maryland Department of Information Technology respectfully requests a favorable report on Senate Bill 247.

Best,

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February 1, 2024

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.

Emily Tarsell

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OPPOSE 2024 Senate Bill 0247

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February 7, 2024

I oppose this bill because the bill deletes the following lines in the current law:

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2 [(1) ensure the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of information

3 held by the State concerning State residents; and

This means the Commission will not be tasked to ensure confidentiality, integrity, and availability of information held by the State concerning State residents.

Please oppose this bill!