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TO: House Health and Government Operations Committee
FROM: Department of Information Technology
RE: House Bill 1271 - Information Technology - Artificial Intelligence - Policies and Procedures (Artificial Intelligence Governance Act of 2024)
DATE: March 1, 2024
POSITION: Support w/ amendments

The Honorable Joseline A. Pena-Melnyk
House Health and Government Operations Committee
Room 241, House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Chairwoman Pena-Melnyk,

The Department of Information Technology (DoIT) supports House Bill 1271 - Information Technology - Artificial Intelligence - Policies and Procedures (Artificial Intelligence Governance Act of 2024). One of Governor Moore and Secretary Savage's main priorities is to foster an environment for innovation, specifically with AI technologies, while respecting individuals, employees, and civil rights. This bill codifies into law many of the key points in the January 8th Executive Order signed by Governor Moore on Catalyzing the Responsible and Productive Use of Artificial Intelligence in Maryland.

As a set of technologies, AI has tremendous potential around economic development and improved services to our residents. It's also a double edged sword, and carries with it the risks you've already heard about. DoIT's and the administration's goal is to leverage AI to improve government services for Marylanders, and concurrently ensure our use is safe, ethical, and responsible.

DoIT is extremely excited about the provisions of the bill that establish and implement the competitive proof of concept procurement method. This formal procurement method would be used to solicit proposals for the conduct of a proof of concept prior to full implementation.

In the interim the Department worked with the sponsors of this legislation in both the House and Senate and have put together a piece of legislation that has many strong points in it and is a step in the right direction. Because of the size and importance of this bill DoIT does still believe that there could be a few amendments necessary to make the bill even stronger. We look forward to working with the sponsors and the committee on such amendments.



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For these reasons, the Maryland Department of Information Technology respectfully requests a favorable report on House Bill 1271.

Best,

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Secretary
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