Committee:	**House Health and Government Operations Committee**
Bill:	**House Bill 1271 – Information Technology- Artificial Intelligence – Policies and Procedures (Artificial Intelligence Governance Act of 2024)**
Hearing Date:	**March 5, 2024**
Position:	**Support**

The Licensed Clinical Professional Counselors of Maryland (LCPCM) supports *House Bill 1271 – Information Technology – Artificial Intelligence – Policies and Procedures (Artificial Intelligence Governance Act of 2024).* The legislation requires the state agencies to adopt appropriate safeguards against bias in using artificial intelligence. LCPCM believe that artificial intelligence holds much promise for efficiency, but we are concerned that such systems could perpetuate or influence bias against certain communities. We support the premise in the preamble of the legislation that " Automated systems should be safe and effective, developed with consultation from diverse communities, stakeholders, and domain experts to identify concerns, risks, and potential impacts of the systems."

We ask for a favorable report. If you need any additional information, please contact Robyn Elliott at relliott@policypartners.net.