

January 17, 2025

The Honorable C.T. Wilson
Chair, House Economic Matters Committee
House Office Building, Room 230
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: House BILL 107 – CONSUMER PROTECTION- AUTOMATIC RENEWALS (Favorable with amendment)

Dear Chair Wilson and Members of the House Economic Matters Committee:

I am writing on behalf of LexisNexis Risk Solutions (“LexisNexis”), a leading provider of credential verification and identification services for government agencies, Fortune 1000 businesses, and the property and casualty industry, to express concerns with House Bill 107, as introduced. While LexisNexis appreciates and supports Maryland’s efforts to provide practical and effective consumer protections for automatic contract renewals, we join with industry in seeking clarifications in the proposed law to ensure the language accurately reflects the intention of the legislation.

Specifically, LexisNexis respectfully requests that the Committee consider amending the proposed legislation to define “**consumer**” as “**any individual who seeks or acquires, by purchase or lease, any goods, services, money, or credit for personal, family, or household purposes.**” The intention of the legislation is to protect consumers from confusing, overly complicated, and predatory contract renewal processes. As currently drafted, the legislation could create conflicting and unnecessary requirements for business-to-business and business-to-government contracts. This proposed definition of consumer will help prevent unintended consequences.

LexisNexis takes this opportunity to thank Delegate Pruski for his hard work in this space. Thank you for your consideration of LexisNexis’ feedback on the proposed legislation.

Please let us know if we can answer any questions or provide any additional information.

Respectfully submitted,

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