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## MARYLAND JUDICIAL COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** House Economic Matters Committee  
**FROM:** Legislative Committee  
Suzanne D. Pelz, Esq.  
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**RE:** House Bill 1096  
Fraud Prevention and Worker Protections – Prohibitions, Penalties,  
and Enforcement  
**DATE:** February 12, 2025  
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### INFORMATIONAL COMMENT PAPER

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The Judiciary respects the separation of powers doctrine and acknowledges that the legislature is the policy-making branch. As such, the Judiciary has no position on the policy aims of this legislation and defers to the legislative branch on such matters.

The Judiciary comments only to note that the bill limits the Attorney General's application for an administrative search warrant to the District Court, on page 38, lines 12-17, when the resulting claims are likely to come before the circuit courts as well. It is unclear whether that specific limitation was intentional or whether the Committee wishes to consider authorizing either court to review.

cc. Hon. Adrienne Jones  
Judicial Council  
Legislative Committee  
Kelley O'Connor