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TO: The Honorable C.T. Wilson, Chair
Economic Matters Committee

FROM: Hanna Abrams, Assistant Attorney General

RE: House Bill 956– Consumer Protection – Workgroup on Artificial Intelligence
Implementation (SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENT)

The Consumer Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General supports House Bill 956 (“HB 956”), sponsored by Chair Wilson, with a technical amendment. House Bill 956 establishes a workgroup for the purpose of making recommendations regarding artificial intelligence regulation and consumer protection.

Artificial intelligence offers the possibility of revolutionizing countless fields and streamlining processes, but as President Biden’s Executive Order noted, the “irresponsible use [of AI] could exacerbate societal harms such as fraud, discrimination, bias, and disinformation.”¹ House Bill 956 will allow constituents from government, industry, and community to work together to develop recommendations that permit the responsible development and deployment of artificial intelligence while at the same time protecting consumers from potential harms.

We support HB 956 with a non-substantive amendment. Section 3.5-807(f)(6) refers to the “Office of Consumer Protection.” The agency within the Office of the Attorney General that is charged with enforcing the Consumer Protection Act is the “Division of Consumer Protection.” Commercial Law Article, § 13-201.

Accordingly, we urge the Economic Matters Committee to issue a favorable report on HB 956 with the amendment discussed.

cc: Members, Economic Matters Committee
The Honorable C.T. Wilson

¹ Exec. Order NO 14,110, 88 Fed. Reg. 75191 (October 30, 2023), <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2023/11/01/2023-24283/safe-secure-and-trustworthy-developmentand-use-of-artificial-intelligence>.