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Senate Finance Committee
Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee
February 27, 2025
Senate Bill 691 – *Cybersecurity – Healthcare Ecosystem*
POSITION: OPPOSE

On behalf of the LifeSpan Network, a senior care provider association in Maryland representing nursing facilities, assisted living providers, continuing care retirement communities, medical adult day care centers, senior housing communities, and other home and community-based services, we oppose Senate Bill 691, which among other provisions, requires a healthcare ecosystem to adopt specific cybersecurity standards and to undergo a third-party audit to evaluate the entity's cybersecurity practices and resources.

While the bill defines specified entities as a "healthcare ecosystem," it also uses a catch-all phrase of "an entity identified by the Commission in regulations to be included in the healthcare ecosystem." (page 4, lines 1-2; page 4, lines 3-4; page 11, lines 7-9). Granting the Maryland Health Care Commission the authority to identify entities not explicitly listed in the bill makes it impossible to evaluate the effect of this bill on non-listed entities that may ultimately be required to comply. If the bill moves forward, we request that this language be removed.

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