

January 21, 2025

The Honorable Pamela Beidle
Chair, Senate Finance Committee
Senate Office Building,
3 East Miller St.
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: SENATE BILL 49 – CONSUMER PROTECTION- AUTOMATIC RENEWALS (Favor with Amendment)

Dear Chair Beidle and Members of the Senate Finance 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 Senate Bill 49, 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 Senator Gile for her 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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