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# Testimony in Support of [House Bill 782](#)

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Good afternoon, Chair and Members of the Committee. My name is Dmitry Sokolowski, and I am the founder of VOLT AI, a Maryland company committed to leveraging the power of artificial intelligence to enhance public safety, particularly in schools. I am here today to express my strong support for **House Bill 782**, which proposes a study on how best to detect violence and deadly weapons in Maryland public schools and improve the reporting of such detections to law enforcement.

As a technology founder and a father, I recognize the urgent need to protect our children from threats. House Bill 782 provides a **vital opportunity** to enhance our school safety measures through a comprehensive audit of the current security infrastructure across the state. This bill goes beyond just installing metal detectors or adding cameras; it calls for a **holistic review** of what we have in place, what works, and what we can do better.

The inclusion of **artificial intelligence** in the study is particularly important. AI-driven systems, such as the solutions offered by VOLT AI, have the ability to detect deadly weapons or possible bodily harm in real-time by integrating with existing security cameras and alerting law enforcement immediately. This can help schools respond faster, making them safer places for students and faculty.

Importantly, modern AI-based security systems can enhance safety while also protecting student privacy. Unlike invasive scanning or data collection methods, these technologies are designed to be non-intrusive, focusing only on detecting threats rather than surveilling individuals. By leveraging AI to analyze security footage in real time without storing personally identifiable data, schools can achieve a balance between safety and privacy.

I believe this bill will provide **clarity on how to use technology effectively** to bridge the gaps in our current security infrastructure. From evaluating the feasibility of AI software to increasing the use of security cameras, this study is the first step in ensuring that Maryland's schools are equipped with the most modern, efficient, and non-intrusive security solutions.

I strongly urge you to support House Bill 782, as it lays the foundation for making schools safer for all students in Maryland. Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to any questions you may have.