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The Honorable Vanessa Atterbeary  
Chair  
House Ways and Means Committee  
Maryland House of Delegates  
131 Taylor House Office Building  
6 Bladen Street, Annapolis, MD 21401

*RE: HB 1103 (Atterbeary) - Local Government - Accommodations Intermediaries -  
Hotel Rental Tax Collection by Comptroller - Favorable*

Dear Chair Atterbeary and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of TechNet, I'm writing to share comments on HB 1103 related to hotel rental tax collections.

TechNet is the national, bipartisan network of technology CEOs and senior executives that promotes the growth of the innovation economy by advocating a targeted policy agenda at the federal and 50-state level. TechNet's diverse membership includes dynamic American businesses ranging from startups to the most iconic companies on the planet and represents over 4.5 million employees and countless customers in the fields of information technology, artificial intelligence, e-commerce, the sharing and gig economies, advanced energy, transportation, cybersecurity, venture capital, and finance. TechNet has offices in Austin, Boston, Chicago, Denver, Harrisburg, Olympia, Sacramento, Silicon Valley, Tallahassee, and Washington, D.C.

Short-term rentals are a popular and growing segment of the sharing economy. TechNet's member company platforms are harnessing state of the art technology to fill an important gap in the market by matching guests looking for an affordable place to stay with Maryland's residents looking to share their home and supplement their income. Maryland must continue to lead in supporting innovation and pass laws that streamline the collection of rental taxes.

TechNet supports HB 1103 as it streamlines the tax remittance process for accommodations intermediaries. HB 1103 provides a new, innovative, and effective mechanism for the direct collection and remittance of such taxes.

TechNet supports tax policies that promote innovation and foster an economic climate that enables companies to compete, thrive, invest, and expand. Tax structures that support a level playing field for all product and service providers

lead to certainty for businesses and consumers. Laws should be easy for consumers and marketplaces to comply with and for states to administer. Thank you for your work on this important issue.

Sincerely,

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