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TESTIMONY ON CROSS-FILED BILL HB#0266 - POSITION: FAVORABLE
Department of Information Technology – Information Technology Investment Fund –
Uses

TO: Chair Guzzone, Vice Chair Rosapepe, and members of the Budget and Taxation Committee
FROM: Richard Keith Kaplowitz

My name is Richard Kaplowitz. I am a resident of District 3, Frederick County. I am submitting this testimony in support of cross-filed bill HB#/0266, **Department of Information Technology – Information Technology Investment Fund – Uses**

I submitted testimony on the cross-filed bill version heard in your chamber. That was bill SB0085 as amended which passed the Senate 45-0. This is the crossover bill from the other chamber HB0266. I urge you to support this bill which passed the House without amendments by the vote of 136-0. Please reconcile these bills and pass them in both chambers after a favorable vote in your committee.

I respectfully urge this committee to return a favorable report on cross-filed bill HB0266.

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TO: Senate Budget and Taxation Committee
FROM: Department of Information Technology
RE: House Bill 266 - Department of Information Technology - Information Technology Investment Fund - Uses
DATE: March 31, 2026
POSITION: Support with amendments

The Honorable Guy Guzzone, Chair
Senate Budget and Taxation Committee
3 West, Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Chairman Guzzone,

I am writing in strong support of House Bill 266 - Department of Information Technology - Information Technology Investment Fund -Uses, the Department of Information Technology's departmental bill before the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee.

HB 266 is a targeted, commonsense update to current law that reflects how the State's technology and communications infrastructure has evolved. While existing statutes appropriately supported legacy systems such as the State communications network and the Maryland FiRST radio system, today's environment requires greater flexibility to manage and reinvest in modern, statewide infrastructure that supports cloud connectivity, data centers, and shared enterprise services.

This legislation allows existing revenues generated through Resource Sharing Agreements to be reinvested more effectively into state-owned communication sites, facilities, and telecommunications equipment tied to information technology agreements. Importantly, HB 266 does not create new fees, impose new costs on agencies or local governments, or require additional appropriations. Instead, it enables the Department of Information Technology to make better use of revenues from existing resources to maintain assets, plan for lifecycle upgrades, and strengthen the reliability and resilience of Maryland's statewide IT and public safety communications infrastructure.



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By modernizing Section 3.5-309 of the State Finance and Procurement Article, HB 266 ensures that our statutory framework aligns with current operational realities and supports smarter, more strategic infrastructure investments across the State.

For these reasons, I respectfully request a favorable report on HB 266. Thank you for your leadership and continued partnership on technology and infrastructure issues impacting Maryland.

Best,

Katie Savage
Secretary
Department of Information Technology