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The Honorable Kris Valderrama
Chair
House Economic Matters Committee
Maryland House of Delegates
231 Taylor House Office Building
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: SB 932 (Harris) - Consumer Protection - Social Media Platforms - Display of User Location - Unfavorable

Dear Chair Valderrama and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of TechNet, I'm writing to share comments on SB 932.

TechNet is the national, bipartisan network of technology CEOs and senior executives that promotes the growth of American innovation by advocating a targeted policy agenda at the federal and 50-state level. TechNet's diverse membership includes more than 100 dynamic American businesses ranging from startups to the most iconic companies on the planet and represents five 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.

We believe that SB 932 violates consumer privacy by mandating social media platforms display to users the general geographical location of each adult user whose account is visible. Disclosing user location to other users could threaten users' physical safety, opening them up to harassment and intimidation by other users.

We are also concerned about the private right of action (PRA) in the bill. We believe that PRAs lead to frivolous lawsuits and that any enforcement should rest solely with the Attorney General. Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to share our concerns on SB 932. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,

Margaret Durkin
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