



## TESTIMONY

**COMMITTEE:** House Economic Matters

**DATE:** March 3, 2026

**POSITION:** Favorable with Amendments

**BILL:** HB 1250

The Maryland Municipal League (MML), which represents 161 local governments across the State of Maryland, supports the intent of House Bill 1250 and respectfully requests a Favorable with Amendments report.

Maryland's cities and towns are eager to embrace innovative technologies that make government services more accessible and efficient for our residents. We share the sponsors' commitment to ensuring that as these tools become more prevalent, they are deployed in a manner that is safe, transparent, and accurate.

We appreciate that the current draft of the bill recognizes the unique position of local governments by providing essential protections under Section 14-5109. This distinction is critical to ensuring that municipalities can continue to pilot new technologies without the threat of unintended financial or legal consequences.

As we look toward implementation, MML is simply seeking to collaborate with the bill sponsors and interested stakeholders to refine a few technical areas. Our goal is to ensure that the operational requirements for municipal staff are clear, manageable, and aligned with existing local government workflows. We believe that with a few "clean-up" amendments regarding the practical definitions of "operator" duties and the timelines for data curation, we can ensure this legislation is a success for both the State and the nearly 2 million Marylanders who call our municipalities home.

MML stands ready to work with all parties to reach a consensus that protects our residents while fostering a climate of digital innovation.

For these reasons, the League respectfully requests a favorable with amendment report on House Bill 1250.

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