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TO: The Honorable Pamela Beidle, Chair
Finance Committee

FROM: Hanna Abrams, Assistant Attorney General
Consumer Protection Division

RE: Senate Bill 932 – Consumer Protection – Social Media Platforms –
Display of User Location (LETTER OF INFORMATION)

The Consumer Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General (the “Division”) submits this letter of information regarding Senate Bill 932 (“SB 932”). Senate Bill 932 requires social media platforms to display location information of adult users.

While the Division is not taking a position on the merits of SB 932, the Division notes that the knowledge standard included in SB 932 is “knows or has reason to know is a minor.” In the Maryland Online Data Privacy Act, the requisite knowledge standard regarding minors is “knew or should have known.”¹ The Division believes it would benefit companies to have a single knowledge standard in bills governing related subjects.

The Division also notes that HB 932’s enforcement provision eliminates the appeal rights provided by § 13-407. Similarly, HB 932’s exclusion of a private right of action under § 13-408 could prevent individuals from recovering when they suffer actual damages, leaving the Consumer Protection Division, with its limited resources, as the only entity able to bring an enforcement action for violations. Both of these provisions are necessary for a comprehensive consumer protection framework.

The Division respectfully requests that the Finance Committee consider the concerns discussed above when it considers SB 932.

Cc: Senator Kevin M. Harris
Members, Finance Committee

¹ See, e.g., Md. Code Ann., Com. Law § 14-4707(4).