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**Testimony in Support of HB861: Department of Information Technology - Statewide  
Information Technology Master Plan - Reporting  
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Madam Chair Wells and distinguished members of the Government, Labor, and Elections Committee, it is my pleasure to come before you and offer testimony in favor of **House Bill 861**. As per our proposed amendments, the bill requires the Department of Information Technology (DoIT) to publish a comprehensive statewide IT master plan within one year of the start of each gubernatorial term and to provide an annual briefing to the General Assembly on the implementation of the plan, any material changes made to the plan, and how the state intends to manage and deploy the initiative include in the plan. The proposed amendment was developed in collaboration with DoIT and industry representatives to ensure the requirements are both effective and practicable.

Maryland's Information Technology Master Plan outlines how the State intends to operate, build, and procure IT services and systems across the executive branch. IT master plans have been required by State law since 2008, and since then, the State has periodically issued master plans, with the most recent plan released in 2025. These plans serve as the State's strategic roadmap for technology modernization, cybersecurity, infrastructure improvements, governance, and major IT investments. However, given the accelerating pace of technological advancement, it is more critical than ever that the State develop and update its Information Technology Master Plan in a consistent, forward-looking manner to ensure it remains responsive, resilient, and aligned with emerging needs and priorities.

**House Bill 861** provides this structure. By requiring a master plan at the start of each gubernatorial term and annual updates thereafter, the bill ensures predictable insight into Maryland's technology initiatives and investments. This bill promotes transparency and accountability in the deployment and management of IT projects across the executive branch. It also gives vendors and industry partners clearer signals about the State's priorities, enabling better planning, alignment of services, and more competitive solutions. Finally, this bill provides one more guarantee for Maryland taxpayers that the State is consistently and proactively addressing emerging technology needs.

I urge a favorable report on **House Bill 861**. Thank you.