



House Health Committee

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House Bill 1133 – *Public Health – Drug Manufacturer-Funded Disease Awareness Campaigns – Registration and Required Disclosure*

POSITION: OPPOSE

The Maryland Tech Council (MTC), with over 800 members, is the State's largest association of technology companies. Our vision is to propel Maryland to be the country's number one innovation economy for life sciences and technology. MTC brings the State's life sciences and technology communities into a single, united organization that empowers members to achieve their goals through advocacy, networking, and education. On behalf of MTC, we submit this letter of **opposition** to House Bill 1133.

This bill proposes requiring drug manufacturers or certain patient advocacy organizations to disclose when disease awareness campaigns are tied to the drugs they sell.

Maryland is one of the nation's strongest life sciences ecosystems, anchored by federal research institutions, leading universities, and a growing biotechnology sector. While we appreciate the intent of this legislation, the MTC is concerned that bills creating unique state-level restrictions on health education efforts could put Maryland at a competitive disadvantage. Companies often evaluate a state's regulatory environment before investing or expanding; this bill could send the wrong message. Based on our research, Maryland would be the first state to adopt this type of law. In the face of uncertainties at the federal level and reductions in research funding from agencies such as the National Institutes of Health, the MTC cautions against any State-level policies that create further uncertainty in the life sciences and biotechnology industries.

For these reasons, MTC respectfully requests an **unfavorable** report.

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