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SB 757 – State Information Technology – Prohibited Applications and Websites
Statement of Support by Bill Sponsor Senator Mary Beth Carozza

Thank you Chair Feldman, Vice Chair Kagan, and my fellow members of the esteemed Senate Education, Energy, and Environment Committee for this opportunity to present Senate Bill 757 – State Information Technology – Prohibited Applications and Websites as amended. I want to thank Committee members, Senators Hester, Brooks and Gallion for cosponsoring this legislation.

The amended bill reflects the recommendations of the Maryland Department of Information Technology. As amended, this legislation would establish a comprehensive Technology Advisory List similar to the U.S. State Department’s Travel Advisories. This List would encompass applications and hardware solutions that pose a threat to Maryland’s IT Infrastructure. The Maryland Department of Budget and Management would work collaboratively with DoIT to publish clear guidelines for units of State government to remove and prevent access to the software on this List. By taking this broader approach, Maryland can adapt to emerging threats to ensure the security of our State.

This legislation represents a critical step forward in safeguarding our State’s information technology systems. Cybersecurity threats pose a constant and ever-evolving challenge, and we have a duty to protect the sensitive data of Marylanders and to ensure their safety and privacy is respected.

I thank you for your kind attention and consideration, and I respectfully request a favorable report on SB 757.