



MARYLAND TECH COUNCIL

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Members, House Health and Government Operations Committee
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RE: **SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENT** – House Bill 1188 – *Information Technology – Modernization of Information Technology Projects*

The Maryland Tech Council (MTC) is a collaborative community, actively engaged in building stronger life science and technology companies by supporting the efforts of our individual members who are saving and improving lives through innovation. We support our member companies who are driving innovation through advocacy, education, workforce development, cost savings programs, and connecting entrepreneurial minds. The valuable resources we provide to our members help them reach their full potential, making Maryland a global leader in the life sciences and technology industries. On behalf of MTC, we submit this letter of **support with amendment** for House Bill 1188.

House Bill 1188 aims to address areas of concern within Maryland's information technology (IT) landscape by reforming the governance, oversight, and management of IT modernization and centralization of projects within the State. This comprehensive bill will help enhance efficiency, and bolster cybersecurity measures. MTC is very supportive of the goals outlined by this bill. However, we request an amendment to add "A member of the Maryland Technology Council" to the membership of the Technology Investment Board. MTC would support this amendment in addition to or in place of the "member of the public, appointed by the Governor." As many of the technology systems used by State government are provided by private outside vendors, we believe it is critical that a voice with expertise in such systems be included in these proceedings. The addition of this member would help better inform the Board's funding decisions. Together, through collaborative efforts and strategic initiatives, we can propel Maryland towards a more technologically advanced and resilient future. With the adoption of the noted amendment, we urge a **favorable** report.

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