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Delegate Dereck E. Davis
Room 231
House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: Testimony in Support of HB 999,
Member-Regulated Cooperatives –
Establishment (Rural Broadband for the
Eastern Shore Act of 2020)

Dear Delegate Davis:

The Town of Denton, Caroline County, Maryland, supports the Rural Broadband for the Eastern Shore Act of 2020.

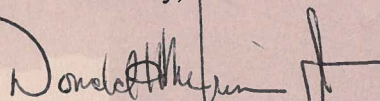
Choptank Electric Cooperative provides services to the areas in the Town of Denton and Caroline County where there are almost no broadband providers. This proposal will enable residents of Denton and businesses outside our municipality boundaries to have service.

This Bill will give members of Choptank Electric Cooperative a not-for-profit corporation, the ability to control the use of its assets, including existing infrastructure and staff, to provide long awaited broadband access to areas of the eastern shore that lack adequate broadband service.

Broadband service is essential for economic development, education, and employment of these communities.

The Town of Denton respectfully requests that the eastern shore delegation support the Rural Broadband for the Eastern Shore Act of 2020.

Sincerely,



Donald H. Mulrine Jr.
Town Administrator