

QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY

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October 28th, 2019

Cindy Stone
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7800 Harkins Road
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Dear Ms. Stone:

On behalf of the Queen Anne's County Chamber of Commerce, and a resident of the Eastern Shore, I feel empowered by Choptank's vision and commitment to serving and improving the quality of life.

Reliable, high-speed internet access is a priority to me and my neighbors living and working throughout Queen Anne's County and the Eastern Shore. Choptank's leadership has detailed the current legislative and regulatory restrictions preventing Choptank members from using their economies of scale to deliver broadband services quickly and efficiently to our businesses and homes.

I urge community and governmental support for Choptank to be permitted, as a member-regulated utility, to address our local need for reliable, high-speed, broadband internet access via a solution provided by a trusted local partner. I would encourage our state legislators, regulatory agencies, and others who live in the rural parts of the Eastern Shore served by Choptank to support this broadband initiative.

Again, we sincerely express our support for this much needed resource in Queen Anne's County. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at 410-643-8530 or linda@qacchamber.com.

Sincerely,



Linda Friday,
President