



Choptank Electric Cooperative
c/o Mr. Matthew Teffeau
6520 Walston Switch Road
Salisbury, MD 21804

Re: HB 999 and SB 540

February 24, 2020

Dear Mr. Teffeau,

Please accept this letter of support for HB 999 and SB 540, both in reference to providing broadband services to rural parts of Maryland's Eastern Shore.

Choptank Electric Cooperative has a long and credible history of providing electricity to last-mile consumers for decades and with a similar model, can now provide broadband services to underserved areas in 2020 and beyond.

Thank you for your favorable support of HB 999 and SB 540 and as always, please feel free to reach me for further discussion.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David J. Ryan", is written over a horizontal line.

David J. Ryan
Executive Director