



February 24, 2023

Senator Guy J. Guzzone
Chair, Senate Budget and Taxation Committee
Miller Senate Office Building
3 West Wing
11 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Chair Guzzone,

On behalf of the seven-hundred businesses and organizational members representing Maryland's eastern shore, the Salisbury Area Chamber of Commerce strongly supports SB0547 (Broadband Expansion Incentive Act of 2023.)

This legislation is a business priority which provides a sales tax exemption for the purchase of broadband equipment and deletes the tax add back provision on federal broadband grants. These are critical incentives to help make Maryland's businesses more competitive as well as addressing the critical need for more widespread rural broadband installations. This bill will significantly close the digital divide in our state and be a boost for our small businesses in particular.

The Salisbury Area Chamber of Commerce urges a favorable report on SB0547.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. R. Chambers".

William R. Chambers
President/CEO

SALISBURY AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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