



February 16, 2023

Honorable Vanessa E. Atterbeary, Esq.  
Chair, House Ways & Means Committee  
131 Taylor House Office Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

**Re: HB 551 Broadband Expansion Incentive Act of 2023- Support**

Dear Chair Atterbeary,

The Prince George's Chamber of Commerce is in full support of House Bill 551 Entitled – Broadband Expansion Incentive Act of 2023. The Chamber represents over 600 businesses that range from sole proprietors to fortune 500 companies. We serve as the leading membership organization in the County. This bill, as introduced, will allow for increased deployment of Broadband services by Internet Service Providers (ISP) and positively impact the underserved communities in need.

As we have witnessed, access to affordable and dependable high-speed broadband services are essential to the entire ecosystem and is a necessary requirement in today's digital economy. As a part of the Chamber's initiative to stand-up economic equity systems, HB 551/SB 547 will have a positive impact for our small businesses, internet service providers and for our communities.

The Prince George's Chamber of Commerce is in full support of HB-551 and respectfully request favorable action.

Thank you for your support of this important legislation.

Sincerely,

*Alexander K. Austin*

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President and CEO