



January 7, 2020

Maryland State Legislature - State Capitol
100 State Cir.
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: HB 261 - Support for statutory changes defining and regulating Battery-Charged Security Fences as an Alarm System

Dear Assembly Delegate,

On behalf of SELECT Event Group, I am writing to affirm our support for statutory changes to clarify Battery-Charged Security Fences as alarm system statewide.

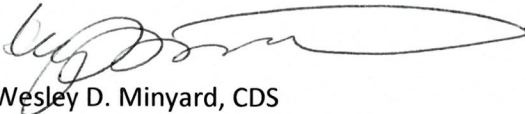
SELECT Event Group is one of the largest family owned event services companies on the east coast based in Laurel, MD. Our workforce includes more than 200 Maryland employees. SELECT provides the widest and deepest array of event products and services available to event professionals. We maintain the infrastructure to produce remarkable events along the entire east coast

To provide this high-quality service and product, Select Event Groups utilizes Battery-Charged Security Fences to protect and secure our site. It has been our experience that this perimeter security system is the most effective at preventing criminal trespass and theft from our sites.

This clarity in statute is needed because the current lack of a clear regulatory structure has caused permitting to be inconsistent and inefficient, causing unreasonable delays or denials in permitting Battery-Charged Security Fences. Our most recent experience in the Baltimore area took about 7 months to obtain all final approvals. Collaboration with local governments is also key to ensuring that the communities in which we are installed be protected and have the tools necessary to maximize public safety and deter theft.

We thank you for your consideration and respectfully request your support.

Sincerely,



Wesley D. Minyard, CDS

Transportation and Safety Compliance Officer