



**Satellite Broadcasting
& Communications
Association**

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**TESTIMONY OF THE SATELLITE BROADCASTING
& COMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATION In Support With Amendment To HB1262**

Chairmen Davis, Vice Chair Dumais and members of the committee. The Satellite Broadcasting & Communications Association (“SBCA”) respectfully submits this testimony in support with amendment to HB1262 regarding electrical licensure.

SBCA is the trade association for the consumer satellite industry representing satellite television and internet providers along with retailers and technicians. Many of our members are small independent businesses who provide service to their local community. These businesses provide critical communication services to thousands of residents of Maryland.

SBCA will support HB1262 with an amendment properly defining our industry in order to ensure we are not unfairly regulated. The bill as it is currently written does not expressly define low voltage and we are concerned that without it our members would be required to be licensed beyond their scope of work. By adding the amendment, it would allow the legislature to clearly define the work of electricians without unfairly harming small businesses whose installations include items such as home entertainment and satellite systems.

Should the bill with amendment pass we would be happy to work with you and members of this committee to help further define and craft licensing regulations surrounding the work that the satellite and other similar industries perform.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this written testimony regarding this matter.

Respectfully

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