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January 5, 2020

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

**RE: SB 135 - Support for statutory changes defining and regulating Battery-Charged Security Fences as an Alarm System**

Dear Senator,

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

ABF Freight is a leading national less-than-truckload (LTL) carrier with multiple locations in the state of Maryland. Integrity, excellence and creativity are part of our core values, and we're committed to applying them in everything we do including safety guidelines. It is essential that our freight, including food supplies, medicine, medical supplies, and personal protective equipment, remain unencumbered and secure. Emergency responders, medical personnel, and the public at large are in dire need for these provisions and the timely delivery of the same.

Our procedures help us provide best-in-class service. One such procedure is the installation of Battery-Charged Security Fences at many of our facilities located in commercial, manufacturing, and industrial zones to protect our properties and ensure the delivery of critical freight throughout Maryland. It has been our experience that this perimeter security system is the most effective at preventing criminal trespass and theft from our sites. In addition, these Battery-Charged Security Fence systems are preferred given the ease of installation and operation, discreteness, and safety.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Ferber".

Jeff Ferber |Manager of Security-Field Operations| ABF Freight® – An ArcBest® Company |  
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# **Atlantic Lift Truck Inc..pdf**

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Dear Assembly Delegate,

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

Atlantic Lift Truck has been moving America's commerce through the mid-Atlantic region every day, since 1959. Located in the Baltimore area, our full-service dealership covers Maryland, including the Eastern shore, Northern Virginia, District of Columbia, West Virginia and Delaware.

Atlantic Lift Truck, Inc. defines itself by its exceptional and ethical business practices. Our company is committed to deliver only the best in quality forklifts, parts and service at the best possible value for each of our customers in the materials handling market.

To provide this high-quality service and product, Atlantic Lift Truck 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 method to prevent criminal trespass and theft from our sites.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Glenn R. Baer'.

Glenn R. Baer  
V.P. & General Manager  
Atlantic Lift Truck, Inc.

# **BrightView Landscaping.pdf**

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January 6, 2021

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**RE: SB 135 - Support for statutory changes defining and regulating Battery-Charged Security Fences as an Alarm System**

Dear Senator,

BrightView Landscapes provides high-quality landscape services with an unwavering commitment to client service. As the nation's leading commercial landscaping and snow removal provider, BrightView employs over 21,000 team members performing services ranging from landscape maintenance and enhancements to tree care and landscape development for thousands of client properties, including corporate and commercial properties, homeowners' associations, public parks, hotels and resorts, hospitals and other healthcare facilities, educational institutions, restaurants and retail, and golf courses. BrightView's services positively impact countless communities and lives every day.

To provide such services, we maintain a large fleet of vehicles and large inventories of tools and products which we must protect and secure. We have found the battery-charged security fence to be the most effective security solution for our operations. We have installed this system in several Maryland locations with great success. The one and only issue with this critical theft deterrent option is the excessive amount of time involved and bureaucratic red tape we must endure to gain permitting approval. Specifically, Howard County and Prince George's County took over a year to get approval to install this system. We would certainly protect more of our locations with this most effective system if the approval timeframe was more reasonable and expedient. When we are having a theft problem, we need an immediate solution!

This is a very relevant and necessary regulation. We ask that you support this bill before you to expedite these security system installations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Greg Lewandowski".

Greg Lewandowski / SVP  
BrightView Landscapes, LLC

# **Estes Express Lines.pdf**

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Dear Senator,

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

Estes Express Lines is a nationwide company, employing more than 18,000 employees, many of which are in our multiple Maryland facilities. In this time of global crisis due to COVID-19, and any other time for that matter, it is essential that our freight, including food supplies, medicine, medical supplies, and personal protective equipment, remain unencumbered and secure. Emergency responders, medical personnel, and the public at large are in dire need for these provisions and the timely delivery of the same.

Estes Express Lines utilizes Battery-Charged Security Fences at many of our facilities located in commercial, manufacturing, and industrial zones to protect our properties and ensure the delivery of critical freight throughout Maryland. It has been our experience that this perimeter security system is the most effective at preventing criminal trespass and theft from our sites. In addition, these Battery-Charged Security Fence systems are preferred given the ease of installation and operation, discreteness, and safety.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Wayne Young Sr.', is written over a horizontal line.

C. Wayne Young Sr.  
Vice President Compliance and Field Support  
Estes Express Lines  
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Richmond, VA 23230  
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# **Old Dominion Freight Line.pdf**

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**RE: SB 135 - Support for statutory changes defining and regulating Battery-Charged Security Fences as an Alarm System**

Dear Senator,

On behalf of Old Dominion Freight Lines, I am writing to affirm our support for statutory changes to clarify Battery-Charged Security Fences as alarm system statewide.

Old Dominion Freight Line is a nationwide company, employing more than 21,000 employees, many in the state of Maryland. In this time of global crisis due to COVID-19, and any other time for that matter, it is essential that our freight, including food supplies, medicine, medical supplies, and personal protective equipment, remain unencumbered and secure. Emergency responders, medical personnel, and the public at large are in dire need for these provisions and the timely delivery of the same.

To provide this high-quality service, Old Dominion Freight Lines utilizes Battery-Charged Security Fences at many of our facilities located in commercial, manufacturing, and industrial zones to protect our properties and ensure the delivery of critical freight throughout Maryland. It has been our experience that this perimeter security system is the most effective at preventing criminal trespass and theft from our sites. In addition, these Battery-Charged Security Fence systems are preferred given the ease of installation and operation, discreteness, and safety.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Geoff Stephany", is written over a horizontal line.

Geoff Stephany  
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Old Dominion Freight Line, Inc.  
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Thomasville, NC 27360

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Dear Senator,

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

**Penske Corporation** is a diversified, on-highway, transportation services company whose subsidiaries operate in a variety of industry segments, including retail automotive, truck leasing, transportation logistics and professional motorsports. Penske Corporation manages businesses with consolidated revenues of more than \$32 billion, operating in over 3,200 locations and employing more than 56,000 people worldwide, including many in the state of Maryland.

To this end, PENSKE utilizes Battery-Charged Security Fences at many of our facilities located in commercial, manufacturing, and industrial zones to protect our properties and fleet inventory. It has been our experience that this perimeter security system is the most effective at preventing criminal trespass and theft from our sites. In addition, these Battery-Charged Security Fencing systems are preferred given the ease of installation and operation, discreteness, and safety.

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

Sincerely,

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**RE: SB 135 - Support for statutory changes defining and regulating Battery-Charged Security Fences as an Alarm System**

Dear Senator,

On behalf of SAIA LTL Freight Lines, I am writing to affirm our support for statutory changes to clarify Battery-Charged Security Fences as alarm system statewide.

SAIA LTL Freight Line is a nationwide company, employing more than 11,000 employees, many in the state of Maryland. In this time of global crisis due to COVID-19, and any other time for that matter, it is essential that our freight, including food supplies, medicine, medical supplies, and personal protective equipment, remain unencumbered and secure. Emergency responders, medical personnel, and the public at large are in dire need for these provisions and the timely delivery of the same.

To provide this high-quality service, SAIA LTL Freight Lines utilizes Battery-Charged Security Fences at many of our facilities located in commercial, manufacturing, and industrial zones to protect our properties and ensure the delivery of critical freight throughout Maryland. It has been our experience that this perimeter security system is the most effective at preventing criminal trespass and theft from our sites. In addition, these Battery-Charged Security Fence systems are preferred given the ease of installation and operation, discreteness, and safety.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim McDonald", is written over a white rectangular area.

Jim McDonald  
Director of Security  
SAIA LTL Freight  
11465 Johns Creek Pkwy  
Johns Creek, GA 30097

# Select Event Group.pdf

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Position: FAV



January 7, 2020

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**RE: SB 135 - Support for statutory changes defining and regulating Battery-Charged Security Fences as an Alarm System**

Dear Senators,

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,

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Wesley D. Minyard, CDS

Transportation and Safety Compliance Officer



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Dear Senator,

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

YRC Worldwide is a nationwide company, employing more than 30,000 employees with many in multiple Maryland locations. In this time of global crisis due to COVID-19, and any other time for that matter, it is essential that our freight, including food supplies, medicine, medical supplies, and personal protective equipment, remain unencumbered and secure. Emergency responders, medical personnel, and the public at large are in dire need for these provisions and the timely delivery of the same.

YRC Worldwide utilizes Battery-Charged Security Fences at many of our facilities located in commercial, manufacturing, and industrial zones to protect our properties and ensure the delivery of critical freight throughout Maryland. It has been our experience that this perimeter security system is the most effective at preventing criminal trespass and theft from our sites. In addition, these Battery-Charged Security Fence systems are preferred given the ease of installation and operation, discreteness, and safety.

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

Sincerely,

Gary Meeks  
YRC Worldwide  
Manager of Corporate Security  
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Overland Park, KS 66211

**AMAROK letter SB 135.pdf**

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Position: FAV

January 15, 2020

Maryland State Senate  
James Senate Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

RE: SB 135

Dear Senators,

I am writing today on behalf of AMAROK, LLC and our customers in support of SB 135 – Battery Charged Fence Security Systems. AMAROK provides these systems and other perimeter security products to our customers to keep their employees and properties safe and secure. It is my hope that the clarification provided by this legislation will allow AMAROK’s customers to have a more certain time to deploy needed security measures.

AMAROK operates nationwide with more than 200 employees serving over 5,000 customer locations. Our purpose is to protect our customers and their property from crime. For 30 years, AMAROK has upheld a commitment to safety and innovation. Perhaps our greatest challenge is obtaining permits within a timeframe that our customer anticipates. Many customers turn to us following a theft at their property or at a nearby location. This need is urgent, and they are unable to wait several months for someone to decide that they are allowed to secure their location.

SB 135 will provide the certainty and urgency that these businesses need. On behalf of AMAROK and our valued customers, I humbly ask that you support this measure.

Best Regards,



Nathan Leaphart

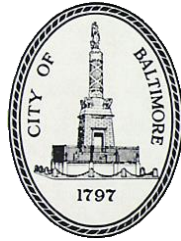
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Chief Financial Officer and Government Relations

**DHCD SB 135.pdf**

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Position: UNF



**BRANDON M. SCOTT**  
MAYOR

*Office of Government Relations  
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**SB 135**

January 14, 2021

**TO:** Members of the Economic Matters Committee

**FROM:** Natasha Mehu, Director of Government Relations

**RE:** SENATE BILL 135 – Business Regulation – Battery–Charged Fence Security Systems – Regulation

**POSITION: OPPOSE**

Chair Kelley, Vice Chair Feldman, and Members of the Committee, please be advised that the Baltimore City Administration (BCA) **opposes** Senate Bill (SB) 135.

If this legislation passes, it would bar a local government from prohibiting the installation of an electric shock fence abutting a residential property in a Baltimore City rowhome neighborhood. Electric shock fences are not appropriate in proximity to residential neighborhoods. However, they may be appropriate in certain commercial, industrial or rural districts for the preservation of property or as a theft deterrent. Local jurisdictions are the best decision makers when it comes to determining where and what types of fences are permitted in that jurisdiction.

In accepting a permit for the construction of any fence, a local government must review and apply building code requirements and zoning regulations for the protection of public health and safety. Routinely, a local government will deny a fence permit because it is not made of the appropriate materials or the height does not meet the zoning code requirements. Each jurisdiction in Maryland is unique and the State has delegated to local jurisdictions the ability to make their own decisions regarding zoning and building laws. This discretion granted to the local government to apply its own laws is crucial in determining whether or not a fence of any type is appropriately constructed or installed. In addition, existing zoning code requirements or historical regulations may prohibit certain fence types and sizes based on existing conditions of the surrounding area.

In following the current rule of law that local jurisdictions make their own decisions regarding zoning and building laws, with Baltimore City's adoption of the 2018 International Building Codes, the City specifically added amendments to make it easier

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for companies to apply for and obtain permits for electric security fences, but still reserved the City's ability to regulate placement keeping the devices away from residentially zoned properties.

We respectfully request an **unfavorable** report on Senate Bill (SB) 135.

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Position: UNF





## Maryland Municipal League

*The Association of Maryland's Cities and Towns*

# TESTIMONY

January 21, 2021

**Committee:** Senate Finance

**Bill:** SB 135: Business Regulation – Battery-Charged Fence Security Systems – Regulation

**Position:** Oppose

### **Reason for Position:**

The Maryland Municipal League opposes Senate Bill 135 which prohibits local governments from taking certain actions pertaining to the installation of certain battery charged fences that emit a shock when touched.

The League has regularly opposed preemption of local authority through state mandates and portions of this bill include such preemptions. Specifically, the bill prevents a local government from requiring a person to obtain any permit other than an alarm system permit in the installation of a battery charged fence. A local government also may not impose any operational or installation requirements on a battery charged fence.

Planning and permitting is a strong local authority in Maryland and this bill would make a dramatic statewide exception for one type of structure. This structure has visual and sightline impact potentially near public rights-of-way and emits an electrical shock. The installation of such a structure may need local permitting beyond just an alarm system permit.

MML opposes the bill on the grounds that it limits municipal authority to govern its business, in the area of permitting, which is a local function. For this reason, the Maryland Municipal League opposes SB 135 and respectfully requests an unfavorable committee report.

### **FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Scott A. Hancock	Executive Director
Angelica Bailey	Director, Government Relations
Bill Jorch	Director, Research and Policy Analysis
Justin Fiore	Manager, Government Relations

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Position: UNF



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MAYOR

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**SB 135**

January 21, 2021

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We respectfully request an **unfavorable** report on SB 135.

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Position: UNF



## Senate Bill 135

### *Business Regulation – Battery-Charged Fence Security Systems – Regulation*

MACo Position: **OPPOSE**

To: Finance Committee

Date: January 21, 2021

From: Michael Sanderson and Alex Butler

The Maryland Association of Counties **OPPOSES** SB 135 as the bill restricts local permitting authority and oversight over security fences. In Maryland, zoning regulations, permitting requirements, and code enforcement are long standing, central components of local authority. These local functions and rules are in place to ensure that structures are safe and adhere to community needs, standards, and practices.

SB 135 would regulate battery-charged fence security systems under the existing regulatory structure for wireless security systems. The bill establishes particular parameters for defining these fences, including that they are located only in commercial zones and meet certain height and power requirements. Of most concern to counties, it prohibits a local government from imposing any additional permits, installation, or operational requirements on these fences, including a prohibition against banning the fences all together.

Counties understand battery-charged fences are intended to serve as security systems to safeguard property and to serve as a deterrent to theft. The fences deliver an electric shock to those who attempt to breach the fence and send a notification to the property owner who may then call the police. Despite providing these novel security functions, they are still fence structures which typically require permits to ensure that the fence design, size, scale, and material, are built to county approved codes. These codes help protect sight lines and setback requirements, right of way and easement rights, along with other important location and community-based building matters. It is important to maintain some level of oversight for the integrity of these structures.

Local governments object to statewide changes that completely usurp local authority and preempt local decision-making meant to protect the safety and interests of their communities. For these reasons, MACo urges an **UNFAVORABLE** report on SB 135.