



**Satellite Broadcasting
& Communications
Association**

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**TESTIMONY OF THE SATELLITE BROADCASTING
& COMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATION In Support of SB0444**

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Chairmen Feldman, Vice Chair Kagen and members of the committee. The Satellite Broadcasting & Communications Association (“SBCA”) respectfully submits this testimony in support with amendment to SB0444 regarding Limited Energy 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 supports BB0895 in order to ensure our members can attain state licensure that meets their scope of work. The bill would streamline the current licensing requirements allowing the board to clearly define the work small businesses whose installations include items such as home entertainment and satellite systems. Additionally, by using the definition of Class 2 and 3 circuits as defined in the National Electrical Code it would allow for the continuing evolvement of technology and provide a clear definition of scope of work.

Unlike electricians the work our technicians perform does not impact life and safety. Rather we focus on system integration, programming and customer satisfaction while adhering to all relevant codes based on the technology we install.

We would like to offer our support to SB0444 with amendment to clarify that apprentice, journeyman and master electricians are exempt as they already have the necessary qualifications and skill sets to perform limited energy wiring.

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

Respectfully

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