



**TESTIMONY OF THE COMMUNICATIONS CABLE AND CONNECTIVITY ASSOCIATION
(CCCA; www.cccassoc.org)
In Support of 2023 SB0444**

March 7, 2023

Senator Brian J. Feldman, Chair
Senator Cheryl C. Kagan, Vice Chair
Education, Energy and the Environment Committee
2 West
Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: CCCA Position on 2023 SB0444: Favorable

Dear Chair Feldman, Vice Chair Kagan, and Members of the Committee –

The Communications Cable & Connectivity Association (“CCCA”) submits this testimony in support of 2023 SB0444 regarding Limited Energy Licensure.

CCCA, located in Frederick, MD, represents the supply chain manufacturers of cable and connectivity products as well as the Integrator Contractors who safely install limited energy, low power cable, equipment and network systems in residential and business environments. With over 50,000 employees throughout Maryland, these independent Integrator contractor businesses and service providers are critical to our local communities. Not only do these Integrators provide essential services to our residents in their homes, but also to schools / universities, healthcare and every manufacturer or business in Maryland. In addition to security and energy efficiency, Integrators install systems that enable all of the elements to create a sustainable SMART Building / Home / Community for the future well-being of Maryland residents.

CCCA strongly supports 2023 SB0444 in order to ensure Limited Energy Integrators can attain statewide licensure that meets their unique scope of work. We see this as the appropriate complement to the enacted 2022 Maryland Electricians Act (SB0762 / HB 1262). As you might recall, Limited Energy Integrators were excluded from the 2022 Maryland Electricians Act due to the differentiation of scope and training for Electricians and low power Integrators work. It is important that 2023 SB0444 progresses (in conjunction with 2023 MD HB0895) into legislation so that the statewide licensure requirements and training are clear for each of the Limited Energy Integrators and Electricians work forces. This legislation will benefit both of these important sets of Maryland contractors.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this important issue.

Respectfully,



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Cc: 2023 SB0444 Sponsor, Senator Benjamin T. Brooks, Sr.

About CCCA

CCCA was formed on the principle that the industry could be served and strengthened by leveraging the efforts of individual leading firms into a single “voice” and mission that would benefit the structured cabling community and its supply chain. Today, the association’s backbone is an active Board of Directors and working committees that manage the association, execute our mission and provide a platform for member benefits and initiatives.

Mission Statement

CCCA is a major resource for well researched, fact-based information and education on the important issues, technologies and structured cabling products impacting the current and future needs of the building network and cabling infrastructure. CCCA is proactive in supporting and participating in codes and standards bodies and other trade, industry and safety organizations, which affect the quality, performance and societal needs of the structured cabling infrastructure.

CCCA focuses its mission on “**What You Need to Know**” to stay abreast and well-informed on topics and issues vital to the structured cabling and connectivity industry.

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