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Testimony in Support of HB1100
Testimony by Delegate Andrew Pruski
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What the Bill Does:

HB1100 Telecommunications Infrastructure – Protections requires a junk dealer, scrap metal processor, or antique dealer residing in the State to register a complete description of purchased “telecommunications equipment” with local law enforcement, restricts the authorized payment methods for purchases of telecommunications equipment by these dealers and processors, and subjects violators of these prohibitions to business license revocation and criminal penalties. The bill also prohibits a person from recklessly or willfully and maliciously damaging “telecommunications infrastructure” and establishes a criminal penalty for a violation of this prohibition. Finally, the bill adds “telecommunications equipment” to the existing definition of “junk or scrap metal” used in provisions that address licensing, recordkeeping, and procedural requirements for junk dealers and scrap metal processors.

Why the Bill is Important

HB1100 removes the immediate "fast cash" incentive for thieves and creates a paper trail for law enforcement, which could protect the reliability of essential communication networks. It strengthens protections for telecommunications equipment and infrastructure. It also expands the definitions of junk or scrap metal to include telecommunications equipment and creates stronger requirements for certain junk dealers, scrap metal processors, and antique dealers purchasing telecommunications equipment to report information to county-designated law enforcement.

Reliable telecommunications infrastructure is essential to Maryland’s economic stability, public safety, and day-to-day business operations.

I request a favorable report on HB1100.