



**Katie McEvoy**  
Regional Director – MD & DE  
External & Legislative Affairs

**AT&T, Inc.**  
601 New Jersey Ave NW  
Washington, DC 20001

202-255-7222  
km572k@att.com

February 26, 2026

The Honorable Pamela Beidle  
Chair, Senate Finance Committee  
3 East Miller Senate Office Building  
11 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: SB 782 Telecommunications Infrastructure - Protections

Dear Chair Beidle, Vice Chair Hayes and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of AT&T, I am writing to express our support for SB 782 Telecommunications Infrastructure - Protections.

Theft of telecommunications equipment is a serious issue for our company and our industry here in Maryland and around the country, so we appreciate the committee considering such critical legislation.

Maintaining uninterrupted and high-quality service for our customers is a top priority. Simply put, trespass, theft and vandalism of critical communications infrastructure are serious matters that disrupt essential services for our customers, public safety and the community at large.

Illegal removal of telecommunications equipment or cables can disrupt network operations and impact service in a community, creating significant issues for residents, businesses, law enforcement and emergency services. When these acts of theft and vandalism occur, it impacts our customers' ability to connect both wireless voice and broadband services.

When copper and telecommunications equipment or cables are stolen, the result is not merely a financial loss—it is a threat to public safety, service reliability, and economic continuity. Strengthening penalties for these offenses is a practical step to deter harmful conduct, hold repeat offenders accountable, and protect communities' access to critical communication

In closing, we respectfully request a favorable report of SB 782. If you have any questions, please reach out to me at km572k@att.com or 202-255-7222.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Katie K. McEvoy".

Katie McEvoy  
Regional Director, External & Legislative Affairs  
AT&T