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Testimony for Senate Bill 790  
Information Technology - Communications Lines - Installation  
Finance Committee  
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Madam Chair  and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present Senate Bill 790: Information Technology - Communications Lines – Installation. This bill codifies existing Department of Information Technology standards with regards to unserved broadband fees.

Senate Bill 790 exempts private entities from certain provisions of resource sharing agreements, providing that they have legal rights of access to install communication lines. This bill also waives fees for last mile broadband projects in unserved and rural areas.

Senate Bill 790 is a continuation of our efforts to provide broadband access to residents in the rural areas of the State. Broadband is an essential service and this bill will help ensure that all Marylanders have access to such service. I respectfully ask for a favorable report of Senate Bill 790. Thank you.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Addie Eckardt".

Senator Addie Eckardt