



The Town of Rock Hall

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The Honorable Anne R. Kaiser, Chair
Ways and Means Committee
131 House Office Building
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: SUPPORT House Bill 1339 – Sales and Use Tax and Personal Property Tax – Exemptions – Data Centers

Dear Chair Kaiser and Members of the Ways and Means Committee:

The Town of Rock Hall fully supports House Bill 1339.

The proposed bill encourages data centers to locate in the State of Maryland. This will give Maryland the opportunity to compete in the market for data centers. The industry is both environmentally friendly and would add employment in both constructing and operating new facilities.

Kent County has made a substantial investment in fiber infrastructure and is positioned to attract technology-based businesses. Data Centers and the businesses that follow them could take advantage of this unique resource and has potential to improve the economy of all the towns in the county including Rock Hall.

Please take into consideration the significant opportunities House Bill 139 would create for the State of Maryland and rural areas like Kent County and small towns like Rock Hall. For these reasons, the town of Rock Hall respectfully requests a favorable consideration of House Bill 1339.

Sincerely,

Dawn E. Jacobs
Mayor
Town of Rock Hall

CC: The County Commissioners of Kent County
The Honorable Stephen S., Hershey, Jr.
The Honorable Jay A. Jacobs
The Honorable Steven J. Arentz
The Honorable Jeffery Ghrist