

February 28, 2022

The Honorable Delores G. Kelley
Senate Finance Committee
3 East, Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: SB0846 –Economic Development – Maryland Technology Infrastructure Pilot Program - Establishment

Dear Chairwoman Kelley:

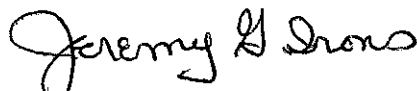
The Allegany County Chamber of Commerce respectfully urges your support of SB0846 – Economic Development – Maryland Technology Infrastructure Pilot Program - Establishment.

The Chamber encourages the establishment of a program specifically for western Maryland to support innovation and the development of advanced industry infrastructure and resources. In Allegany County, we are fortunate to have institutions such as Allegany College of Maryland and Frostburg State University which already support innovation and advanced industry concepts. Our area once thrived thanks to manufacturing jobs, and we recognize that a successful future, decades past those losses, is in capturing early-stage, innovation-based businesses. We feel that Senate Bill 0846 solidifies work that is already being done, and already proving successful.

To establish a Maryland Technology Infrastructure Fund, which would provide financial assistance to projects specific to those outlined in this bill will create an opportunity to replicate similar programs across the state.

Thank you for considering a **favorable report for SB0846**.

Sincerely,


Jeremy G. Irons
Legislative Committee Chair


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Executive Director

cc: Honorable Brian J. Feldman, Vice Chair, Senate Finance Committee
Finance Committee Members
Allegany County Delegation