



HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL
AFFIDAVIT OF AUTHORIZATION
TO TESTIFY ON BEHALF OF AN ORGANIZATION

I, Leonardo McClarty, have been duly authorized by
(name of individual)

Howard County Chamber of Commerce to deliver testimony to the
(name of nonprofit organization or government board, commission, or task force)

County Council regarding CB15-22 to express the organization's
(bill or resolution number)

support for / opposition to / request to amend this legislation.
(Please circle one.)

Printed Name: Leonardo McClarty

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Organization: Howard County Chamber

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Number of Members: 635

Name of Chair/President: Charles Phillips, Jr. - Board Chair

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Public Hearing.*

CR 15-2022



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January 17, 2022

Dr. Opel Jones
Chairperson, Howard County Council
3430 Court House Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21043

RE: CR15-22 - Support

Dear Council Chair Jones:

As an organization dedicated to a prosperous community and growing tax base, the Chamber works to drive economic development, foster a pro-business climate, and support our members. It is in the purpose of economic development that I come to you now.

As consumers use their mobile devices more than ever to connect to the world around them, we must find new and innovative ways to enhance mobile networks. Not only do these networks need to be prepared to meet the increasing demand for mobile data, they must be prepared for the next generation of technologies— such as 5G, Smart Cities and the Internet of Things (IoT). For these reasons, we please to support CR 15 which references the fees communication firms must pay for above ground facilities.

Small cells are a low profile, compact and unobtrusive technology that can be installed in high-traffic areas to increase network capacity and provide enhanced voice and data services for our members. This broadband infrastructure is necessary for providing a better wireless experience for our members in Howard County who rely on their smartphones and mobile devices to start or grow a business; stay in touch with customers; and promote their products and services.

We believe that if we are to ensure our wireless infrastructure keeps up with the demand for mobile technology, we need legislation that will assist with the investment in small cell infrastructure.

As such, we encourage the passage of CR 15 that will assist in the permitting process for the deployment of small cells and encourage wireless providers to invest in our Maryland networks.

We thank you for your consideration of our position. For additional comments or questions, I can be reached at 410-730-4111.

Respectfully,

Leonardo McClarty, CCE
President/CEO, Howard County Chamber