



January 28, 2019

The Honorable Dereck E. Davis
Economic Matters Committee
Room 231, House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: HB 0141 – Commercial Law - Internet Privacy and Net Neutrality – Support

Dear Delegate Davis:

House Bill 0141 addresses the repeal of Net Neutrality and ISP Privacy. The FCC's decision to repeal these two regulations was highly unpopular. HB 0141 helps small businesses by ensuring that internet service providers treat all businesses fairly. It also helps protect the privacy of our data from third parties.

Many small businesses rely on their websites for marketing as well as ecommerce. In Carroll County, we do not have many choices when it comes to high-speed internet. This forces us to select from one or two providers. We do not have the freedom of choice that more populated areas have. The repeal of Internet Privacy and Net Neutrality only benefits these large internet service providers at the expense of small businesses and the residents of Maryland.

The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce, a business advocacy organization of over 600 members, supports this bill and asks that you give it a favorable report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mike McMullin'.

Mike McMullin
President
Carroll County Chamber of Commerce

CC: Delegate Haven Shoemaker
Senator Justin Ready