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Quotes

"Places like Virginia's Eastern Shore need broadband just as much as everywhere else. To date we've been largely ignored by private cable and telecommunications providers because our population density doesn't meet their profit models... but we still need it. The Eastern Shore of Virginia Broadband Authority serves our community because others won't. From emergency response, to telemedicine access, to better long-term economic prospects, our citizens are better off because we exist. That is why we oppose Byron's bill."

Nicholas Pascaretti

Executive Director of Eastern Shore of Virginia Broadband Authority

"Access to reliable and high-speed broadband is critical to economic growth and prosperity. Fortunately, the business community in the Roanoke region benefits from several broadband options. The existing Roanoke Valley Broadband Authority (RVBA) is one of those reliable options and the Roanoke Regional Chamber opposes any measure that seeks to limit the innovation and access that the RVBA will bring to our members and community."

Josh Baumgartner

Vice President Public Policy for the Roanoke Regional Chamber

"Twenty years ago broadband was new and cutting edge. Today, it is a mission critical resource that is a key ingredient for education and commerce. NO CITIZEN should be without broadband; it is essential like running water and electricity. We should NOT be always looking for ways to restrict access but how we can INCREASE access. If the private sector won't do it, government should step up to the plate and get the job done on behalf of citizens to create cost effective access to high quality broadband. You cannot grow jobs for successful economic development without competitively-priced broadband access."

Senator Frank Wagner

Virginia Senate

“If passed, Virginia will very quickly fall behind on the national stage, Our students will be at a disadvantage, our towns and counties will lose tax revenue, our state will have fewer business licenses to issue and all because private sector cable and internet companies have enjoyed pseudo monopolies at the expense of our most vulnerable populations.”

Delegate Sam Rasoul

Virginia House of Delegates

"If Byron's bill were to pass, our local communities wouldn't be able to help anyone that can already get up to 10mb/s shared service from a private provider. Anyone remember dial up? We are comparing a superhighway which can be used by all providers to a privately owned road. At the end of the day, customers will be best served when there is increased competition.”

Sam English

Founder and CEO of Attention Point