



February 14, 2011

Honorable Kenneth B. Horn  
Chairman, House Energy and Technology Committee  
N-1198 House Office Building  
P.O. Box 30014  
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RE: MITA Supports SB 499

Mr. Chairman,

The Michigan Internet and Telecommunications Alliance wishes to voice its support for Senate Bill 499 which seeks to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," (MCL 324.101 to 324.90106) by adding section 72116.

We applaud the efforts by the Legislature to allow Michigan's data infrastructure providers to gain easier access to public-rights-of-way for the placement of facilities. SB 499 appears to strike a fair balance between telecommunication provider access and protecting the public's enjoyment of these rail trail resources.

Thank-you in advance for recognizing our support of HB 499.

Sincerely,

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