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The Honorable Louis Blessing III
Chair, Ohio House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee
77 South High Street, 13th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Chairman Blessing:

On behalf of our nearly 24,000 small business owners across the State of Ohio, I write to ask you to support the passage of House Bill 478. By way of background, our typical member employs 25 or fewer. All members come from all industry sectors and all 88 Ohio counties.

In today's competitive global market, Ohio should continue working to cultivate an environment that allows our state's small businesses to thrive. We believe House Bill 478 will do that through promoting investment in our communications networks.

Wireless infrastructure is a critical component to business success in today's world. Access to the very best in high speed, reliable connections is an essential component of doing business today. We feel that House Bill 478 will help Ohio's business community to remain competitive by ensuring wireless providers can invest in the kind of network enhancements that respond to businesses' and their customers' needs.

Streamlining the process associated with the installation and maintenance of small cell devices in the public right-of-way will create an environment that encourages wireless providers to invest in the network enhancements our state's small businesses need to stay ahead of the curve. It is our understanding that municipal and wireless interests have worked together in developing House Bill 478 as the best way to provide our members with the latest in high-speed technology.

We respectfully request your favorable consideration of House Bill 478.

Sincerely,

Christopher J. Ferruso
Legislative Director

cc: Ohio House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee members
Representative Sarah LaTourette