



Good afternoon, Chair Blessing, Vice Chair Reineke, Ranking Member Clyde, and Members of the House Government Accountability and Oversight Committee.

My name is Dana McDaniel and I serve as the City Manager for the City of Dublin, Ohio.

Thank you for the opportunity to present proponent testimony.

I am here to express the City of Dublin's support for House Bill 478.

I would like to acknowledge Speaker of the House Cliff Rosenberger and House Bill 478 sponsors – Representative Sarah LaTourette and Representative Ryan Smith – for their leadership on this Bill. I greatly appreciate the foresight and the patience of all our State Legislators to allow the time for the coalition of over 90 cities, large and small from across all of Ohio, and the Industry to work through the details of this legislation.

It is in the best interest of all the municipalities of this State to support the intended policy to promote the rapid deployment and implementation of new technologies and innovative services to improve the quality of life and competitiveness of our residents and our businesses. These residents and businesses, as we all know, also happen to be the Industry's customers. As municipalities, we appreciate the extensive investment by the private sector in these technologies and respect the associated costs of their deployment.

As a result of more than three months of negotiation, this legislation, as written, provides the means for a rapid and orderly deployment of these technologies. This legislation respects the operational processes, capabilities and capacities of municipalities while providing the predictability desired by the Industry. It respects and protects the billions of dollars of investment tax payers have made in our local infrastructure. It respects the character of our municipalities and our neighborhoods that we have all worked so hard to establish and which defines us, while minimizing disruption to the community.

I'm pleased to say that after many hours and many intense discussions, this new legislation has been carefully crafted to provide a best solution for municipalities and the Industry, while being careful to not create additional burdens or impacts for other users of the right of way. The municipalities' negotiating team included local elected officials, administrators, legal staffs and City Engineers. The Industry's negotiating team included legal teams and operational members who have negotiated and written legislation like this and who have experience deploying this technology across the country. The talent and experience brought to the table by both parties made for a powerful and well informed dialogue and

negotiation. While neither the cities nor the industry acquired everything they had requested, we believe this is the best result for both sides.

House Bill 478 is the result of the work of many fine people who came together to collaborate on legislation that would be fair to all parties. The voices were heard from all four corners of the state and from the Industry. If approved as written, the new law will reflect that.

I thank you again for your time and the leadership you all have shown throughout this process.

