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The Honorable Cliff Rosenberger
Speaker of Ohio House of Representatives
77 S. High St 14th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215

All Members of Ohio House
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Dear Honorable Speaker Rosenberger and Honorable Members of the Ohio House,

I am writing on behalf of the City of Cleveland to express concerns with HB 478. I recognize that this bill is the result of discussions between municipalities and wireless service providers and that it represents a substantial improvement over Sub. SB 331, particularly regarding local design guidelines, historic districts, indemnification, and bonding requirements for operators.

Cleveland's concerns with HB 478 in its current form are,

- (1) HB 478 restricts a municipal corporation's ability to regulate the placement of wireless "small cell" equipment and new support structures in the local public rights-of way, while requiring a municipal corporation to permit the attachment of these small cells to municipally owned poles already in the rights-of-way without regard for reasonable alternatives for local conditions;
- (2) HB 478 limits to a maximum of \$200 the annual charge that a municipal corporation may be reimbursed for the attachment of a small cell facility to municipally owned property, thereby burdening its taxpayers with any additional costs a municipality may incur. The \$200 annual charge may not cover our costs related to installation and maintenance in every situation.

On behalf of the citizens of Cleveland, we respectfully request that the Ohio General Assembly remove provisions in HB 478 that limit reasonable local control of small cell wireless facility placement and deprive municipalities the right to fair compensation for the use of municipally owned poles.

If you have any questions regarding my position, please contact Valarie J McCall, Chief of Government and International Affairs, via email at vmccall@city.cleveland.oh.us. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Frank G Jackson
Mayor