

Thank you for allowing the Global Tech Co-Op, Inc. to submit testimony on behalf of SB 225. The allocation for network growth to rural Ohio is not only something desperately needed to make it cost effective to grow fiber networks into rural areas with light subscription to fiber ratios, but also a great way to raise surrounding real-estate values as telecommuting becomes more predominant. Many towns in Ohio do not expand because of a lack of bandwidth on the last mile leg. We would like to see this bill encompass air fiber connection build-outs as well so the expansion of bandwidth is not limited to running cable along poles. Often times hybrid fiber/air fiber solutions are much more cost effective and help financially plausible expansion of broadband networks. As the future meets the present more and more emphasis will be on properties having broadband access. Think of it as a utility, this bill will help Ohio's rural property value increase and is in our opinion, a very wise investment.

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