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•Working together for Ohio's farmers•*

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Chairman Smith, Vice Chair Ryan, Ranking Member Cera and members of the House Finance Committee, on behalf of Ohio Farm Bureau, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of House Bill 281.

It might sound cliché, but our lives are becoming more dependent on technology. Be it education, business, or entertainment, our need for reliable, high speed internet access is very important. With new broadband access comes increased economic and educational opportunities and development. Without it, Ohioans in these unserved and underserved areas will continue to fall behind.

Thank you again for the opportunity to share Farm Bureau's support for HB 281.