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Dear Chairmen Godshall and Caltagirone,

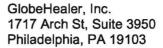
I am writing in support of HB2564. With streamlined legislation in place, our state's residents, businesses, economy and healthcare industry can continue to thrive and innovate with the help of advanced wireless technology.

Data usage on smart phones and tablets has grown exponentially. And, as more items are connected to the internet, demand will continue to increase. Meanwhile, Pennsylvanians are relying on their mobile devices not just for calls, but for all means of resources – medicine, healthcare, education, entertainment, and more.

We've already seen the benefits high-speed internet access has brought to patients, physicians, hospitals and other parts of the healthcare industry. Tablets and smartphones allow patients to access their medical records anytime anywhere. They can also easily connect with doctors from all over the world using video conferencing apps and built-in programming.

Small cells can help us expand on these innovations and continue to create new ways of improving care. Small cells are small pieces of wireless equipment that are used to provide additional capacity in high-traffic areas so internet users can experience faster download speeds, improved call quality and a better overall wireless experience. We need more capacity now in order to keep innovation moving at a pace that keeps us on the cutting-edge. Additionally, small cells help lay the groundwork for future technologies, such as 5G and the Internet of Things (IoT), which are poised to transform the healthcare industry.

Wireless providers have already started deploying this technology across the nation, and Pennsylvania needs to be part of it. Today, wireless companies have to go city by city to negotiate regulatory and fee agreements for small cells, encountering both delays and uncertainty. That's why we need new statewide rules, as set forth in HB2564, that would hasten the installation of this new technology, while respecting the authority of the local leaders and the communities they serve. Smart, streamlined rules will trigger new investment in our communities to provide much-needed increased capacity now, enable more innovation and support community and economic development.





This is why I am supporting the passage of HB2564. The deployment of small cells will help place Pennsylvania at the forefront of innovation, open the door to investments in our wireless networks and help bring future, and potentially life-saving, technology innovations to our state. With small cells in place, we can begin to unlock the true potential of digital innovation in healthcare, telemedicine, and beyond.

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