



February 7, 2012

Honorable Kenneth B. Horn
Chairman, House Energy and Technology Committee
N-1198 House Office Building
P.O. Box 30014
Lansing, MI 48933

RE: MITA Supports HB5342

Mr. Chairman,

The Michigan Internet and Telecommunications Alliance wishes to voice its support for House Bill 5342 which seeks to amend sections 1, 2 and 3 of 1929 PA 152, an act to “provide for the state-owned and operated Michigan public safety communications system for police and public safety purposes” (MCL 28.281, 28.282 and 28.283).

We applaud the efforts of the Legislature to allow Michigan’s data infrastructure providers to gain access to public safety towers because it could greatly expand broadband services into rural areas in Michigan. By allowing for greater flexibility in extending tower space to non-public users, such as broadband providers, more Michigan residents are likely to receive the benefits of high-speed Internet service more quickly.

Thank you in advance for recognizing our support of HB 5342.

Sincerely,

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