May 29, 2020

The Honorable Michael L. Parson
Governor, State of Missouri
P.O. Box 720
Jefferson City, MO 65102

RE: Support HB 1768, Section 67.5122, Related to Extension of the Small Wireless Facilities Statute

Dear Governor Parson,

On behalf of CTIA, the trade association for the wireless communications industry, I am writing to express strong support for HB 1768, Section 67.5122, related to the extension of the small wireless facilities statute. Wireless connectivity has never been more important as wireless networks are keeping us connected during the challenging COVID-19 pandemic. Policies, like those within HB 1768, will ensure the predictable regulatory environment in Missouri continues, thereby providing the needed certainty for wireless providers to continue to maintain and upgrade networks.

To prepare for the technology of tomorrow, the industry is rapidly deploying next-generation wireless networks. 5G will transform our industries, make our lives safer, and enable new wireless-powered innovation – like telehealth, smart factories and autonomous vehicles. 5G will not only connect more devices, it will one day enable more information-sharing with shorter lag times when seconds matter most – like in emergency response. 5G-powered technology can also remove barriers to access in education, providing flexible learning opportunities and cutting costs for students.

Missouri has already taken an important step toward the deployment of 5G through the enactment of HB 1991 in June 2018.1 HB 1768, Section 67.5122, builds on this important work and ensures residents and businesses can be the beneficiaries of enhanced wireless networks. For all the reasons outlined herein, we strongly and respectfully request your signature to HB 1768, Section 67.5122.

Sincerely,

Jamie Hastings,
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