



**Written Proponent Testimony by Darin Miller, state director, AT&T Kansas
on HOUSE BILL No. 2806
Before the House Committee on Energy, Utilities & Telecommunications
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Chairman Delperdang and Members of the Committee:

I appreciate the opportunity to share AT&T's perspectives on HOUSE BILL No. 2806. ***In short, AT&T supports this legislation.***

AT&T has been operating in Kansas for more than 150 years, and our facilities exist within the ROW in more than 90 Kansas counties. We appreciate that HOUSE BILL No. 2806 seeks to facilitate further investment in broadband across the state of Kansas.

The bill affirms the right of providers like AT&T and others to deploy infrastructure in county rights of way. It also prohibits counties from enacting unreasonable barriers to entry for providers and requires that any fees charged by counties are reasonable, limited to actual costs, and applied in a competitively neutral and nondiscriminatory manner.

AT&T appreciated the opportunity to provide input, together with other industry members, on this bill that will help facilitate more broadband access across the state, which is critical for all aspects of our lives in our global economy.

Thank you for your consideration.

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