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January 27, 2021 Chairman Mark Owens House Education Committee Support House Bill 1370

Dear Chairman Owens and Members of the House Education Committee:

AT&T fully endorses HB 1370. As we've seen during the COVID-19 pandemic, wireless broadband is essential for education as well as for a host of other online applications, including healthcare, e-commerce and public safety.

In order to deliver robust, wireless broadband connections, AT&T works closely with schools, local government and other officials to identify and select wireless facility sites that will best enable us to connect local communities to critical services.

AT&T, therefore, supports HB 1370 and its provision allowing local boards of education to lease property for the installation of wireless telecommunications facilities. Such legislation is important as AT&T continues to invest and build out our wireless telecommunications network across North Dakota.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Biley

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