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**House Judiciary Committee**

**HB 1144 Testimony on behalf of Midco: Neutral with amendments**

**Chairman Lawrence Klemin**

Chairman Klemin and members of House Judiciary Committee-

On behalf of Midco, I submit this testimony as neutral on HB 1144 with Rep Kading's proposed amendments. Midco is opposed without amendments.

It appears the intent of this bill is to prevent social media platforms from censoring certain content. Midco is a regional cable provider, providing cable television, internet and telephone services. Midco is not a social media platform. The broad definitions used in this bill could sweep in companies such as Midco that simply provide broadband internet services or web hosting. Since this does not appear to be the intent or focus of this legislation, we would request that the definitions be limited to "social media platforms" and not "interactive computer services."

Please let me know if we can provide more on these definitions or answer additional questions.

Sincerely,

Justin Forde