

**Subject:** Micro Wireless Facilities

Dear Mayor Kessler:

AT&T values its long-standing and productive relationships with its customers who live and work in Bexley, and with the City of Bexley. We have provided reliable landline telecommunications services in Bexley for well over 100 years. As customer needs have changed, AT&T's services have evolved to keep pace, and we are now proud to be the premiere provider of wireless, internet and entertainment services in the country.

Our wireless services are particularly valued by businesses and residents of Bexley, who rely on their mobile devices more than ever before. The numbers in support of this fact are staggering. From January 2007 through December 2015, AT&T experienced a 250,000 percent increase in data usage on our network. This figure makes two things very apparent: 1) wireless technologies have completely transformed the way in which we stay connected and conduct business; and 2) mobile networks are under extreme strain and additional investments are needed to ensure consumers and businesses continue to have access to the fast, reliable wireless networks they want and need.

The deployment of small cell technology is a major step we can take to address these points. Supplementing existing cell tower infrastructure with small cell technology is an effective and innovative way to enhance AT&T's wireless networks, allowing AT&T to continue providing outstanding wireless coverage and service.

Given this, we were disappointed to learn about your disapproval of recently-adopted Senate Bill 331 that enables the deployment of small cell technology, and we ask you to reconsider the proposed resolution formally expressing the city's opposition to this new law.

As always, we at AT&T want to make every effort to work with municipalities and local partners throughout Ohio to ensure both customers and constituents across the state have access to the very best in wireless technology. In support of that aim, we would like to address the concern you have voiced in regards to Senate Bill 331 in a February 6, 2017 article in the Bexley This Week News.

With respect to the City's ability to oversee the deployment of small cell facilities, the new law requires wireless companies to apply for the consent of the City, with a 90 day review process. And the City retains the ability to apply its generally applicable health, safety and welfare regulations.

In any event, AT&T fully intends to work cooperatively with the City on matters of mutual concern, including the deployment of new network facilities. We have worked this way in the past, and we would like to continue that positive working relationship in the future.

We hope this new information helps to address your concerns, but from our perspective this letter is just the start of our dialogue. We want to make every effort to keep the city of Bexley informed and engaged as we work to enhance our networks, and with that in mind, we hope to soon sit down with city leaders and officials to further discuss our strategy for small cell deployment throughout central Ohio.

Sincerely,

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