



**Testimony of Patrick Fucik on behalf T-Mobile Before the
Kansas House Utilities Committee
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Chairman Smith and members of the House Committee on Taxation, please consider the following written testimony in support of HB 2106 which would provide for an exemption from sales and compensating use tax on purchases of property used to provide video, internet access and telecommunications services.

AT&T is leading the effort on HB 2106 and has worked with the wireless industry, cable and the Department of Revenue on the language to get input from all these stakeholders. T-Mobile supports the concept of the sales and use tax exemption for equipment especially as we are investing heavily in our network since the T-Mobile / Sprint merger was finalized almost three years ago.

The new T-Mobile is committed to investing over \$40B into our network after the merger in Kansas and across the country in order to build the country's largest, fastest and most reliable 5G network. We have made great strides in meeting this commitment, which is evidenced by the fact that our 5G network now covers 323 million people and our fastest 5G coverage – Ultra Capacity – covers 260 million people in the nation. The combination of our high-band millimeter wave spectrum (30 GHz – 300 GHz), Ultra Capacity mid-band spectrum (2 – 6 GHz) and our extended range low-band spectrum (600 MHz) places T-Mobile in a unique industry-leading position offering 5G across the nation. The enactment of HB 2106 would be very beneficial and provide relief from sales and use tax on this equipment as we increase our network deployment in Kansas.

T-Mobile supports HB 2106 because providing relief from sales and use tax on our equipment deployed in Kansas will have a positive impact and allow us to direct those savings into additional network buildout.

Thank you for your consideration of my testimony.

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