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Arizona Legislature Passes Bill Making Arizona Pioneer for 5G Technology Deployment

Rep. Jeff Weninger Champions First-of-Its-Kind Legislation

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX – The Arizona House of Representatives yesterday passed [HB 2365](#), which now awaits the governor’s signature. Sponsored and championed by Rep. Jeff Weninger (R-17), the bill makes Arizona the first state in the nation to pioneer comprehensive legislation that creates a streamlined process for telecommunications companies to deploy small cell technology across the state.

HB 2365 establishes a statewide policy surrounding the deployment of small wireless facilities – more commonly known as “small cells” – that will enhance the existing 4G LTE network, accelerate investment in mobile broadband infrastructure, and ready the State of Arizona for the next wave of economic development in the digital economy via 5G technology. This is a critical step for Arizona—wireless data usage is increasing exponentially and a widespread deployment of small cells is vital to meet the spiraling demand from consumers, police and public safety, and the broad range of businesses that rely on wireless technologies every day.

“I am honored to sponsor legislation that makes Arizona a trailblazer and opens the door for technology that will truly transform industries and will bring the power of Smart City solutions to municipalities across the state,” said Rep. Weninger. **“I would like to thank my colleagues, especially Senator Fann and Senator Smith, the business community, and Governor Doug Ducey for the tremendous support with this bill.”**

As telecom operators build out their networks, there will be a staggering level of investment from the private sector with a significant economic benefit for the public sector. According to an analysis from the Cellular Technology Industry Association (“CTIA”), the deployment of 5G technology is expected to create tens of thousands of jobs and generate hundreds of millions of dollars in Smart City benefits in Arizona alone.

“The passage of HB 2365 is a monumental step toward the future of technology, not only for Arizona, but for the entire country,” said Glenn Hamer, president and CEO of the Arizona Chamber of Commerce and Industry. **“By streamlining infrastructure policies at all levels of government, wireless providers can rapidly deliver the 5G technology of tomorrow. We applaud Rep. Weninger and the State of Arizona for paving the way with this important legislation.”**

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About Small Cell Technology

Small cells are wireless antennas and associated equipment, no more than 28 cubic feet in volume, that can be placed on any existing structure (typically utility poles, street lights, and traffic signal poles).