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The Honorable Kelly Hancock
P.O. Box 12068, Capitol Station
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Dear Chairman Hancock,

Since 1913, the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce's mission of strengthening, promoting and serving its member businesses has positively benefited the entire region and local quality of life. We promote our ability to help member businesses cut through red tape, and believe your Senate Bill 1004 falls right in line with that goal. As your legislation moves through the chambers and into law, please know we are here to lend our voice and our support to your important efforts.

As the largest business federation on the South Plains, the Chamber represents 2,000 members who employ more than 79,000 workers, and account for more than \$2 billion in annual household earnings in Lubbock and West Texas, all without tax dollars. Like many areas across Texas, our businesses rely more and more on wireless communications to reach their goals and serve their customers. This reliance—from businesses and consumers—will only increase and we must have the technology to ensure our communications system is robust and reliable. For these reasons, we strongly support the deployment of small cell technology in Texas communities.

We believe SB 1004 provides a common-sense regulatory framework to spur this deployment while protecting communities. A small cell infrastructure is also necessary for communities to benefit from the next generation of wireless technology: 5G. Unlike the rollout of its predecessors (3G and 4G), innovative businesses are already developing technologies that will depend on the presence of 5G. No community in Texas wants to be left out of those opportunities.

Thank you again for your understanding of the need to deploy small cell technology in Texas, and your desire to lay the groundwork for 5G. We appreciate your commitment to this issue and we support SB 1004.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eddie McBride', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Eddie McBride
President/CEO

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