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Commissioner Brendan Carr  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Commissioner Carr,

On behalf of the Oklahoma Municipal League (OML), I wanted to let you know that we recognize and appreciate the work that you are doing at the federal level to help encourage technology infrastructure investment in cities while also providing a framework that respects and protects local interests at the same time.

We understand the value of working cooperatively with industry to help bring the latest technology to our communities, residents, and businesses, which is why OML helped lead the way on legislation that will provide statewide guidance for small cell deployment in Oklahoma.

The legislation, SB1388, which was recently signed into law by Governor Mary Fallin, positions Oklahoma to be a leader in small cell deployment by codifying many of the same provisions that you are working to help facilitate at the federal level:

- Ensuring local oversight over zoning authority and enforcement;
- Establishing a reasonable cost structure that creates new sources of revenue for municipalities and provides compensation for the costs of reviewing applications and providing access to the public ROW and city-owned assets;
- Adopting sensible timelines for permit review and approvals.

As the voice of Oklahoma cities and towns, it is our mission to represent and protect the interests of our members and assist them in better serving their citizens and communities.

In our experience, having a seat at the table and helping develop a common-sense path forward that balanced our members' concerns with the shared goal of getting more investment and enhanced technology infrastructure into our communities was in the best interest of our members, Oklahoma businesses and residents, and the state's economic outlook.

Thank you for your work to help others see the value of adopting a similar approach in their communities. We support you in this effort.

Sincerely,

Mike Fina  
Executive Director