

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge the United States House of Representatives Committee on Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Communications and Technology to hold regular hearings regarding the nationwide broadband public safety network, require the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) to identify the costs of such network to Ohio, and include related amendments to the law governing FirstNet.

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Ohio (the House of Representatives concurring):

WHEREAS, Ohio's first responders require mission critical communications infrastructure to effectively do their jobs; and

WHEREAS, Ohio has invested over \$500,000,000 in system assets that include over 200 tower sites, shelters, generators, mobile towers, microwave backhaul, consoles, and mobile and portable radios; and

WHEREAS, Over 55,000 first responders and public service users at the federal, state, and local government levels rely on the assets that Ohio has invested in; and

WHEREAS, The federal Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 created the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) within the United States Department of Commerce National Telecommunications and Information Administration and tasked FirstNet with building and maintaining a single, nationwide, interoperable broadband public safety network; and

WHEREAS, FirstNet is requiring states to inventory their assets and develop statewide plans to allow federal use or takeover of those assets for the undetermined nationwide broadband public safety network; and

WHEREAS, FirstNet is requiring states to opt into, and provide an undetermined level of financial support to, the nationwide broadband public

safety network; and

WHEREAS, FirstNet appears to lack sufficient funding for the nationwide broadband public safety network, but is requiring a self-sustaining model; and

WHEREAS, FirstNet lacks planning and did not seek input from Ohio as evidenced by the witnesses who testified before, and submitted testimony to, the United States House of Representatives Committee on Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Communications and Technology in a March 2013, hearing entitled "Oversight of FirstNet and Emergency Communications"; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 130th General Assembly of the State of Ohio, respectfully urge the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology to hold regular hearings regarding the nationwide broadband public safety network and require that FirstNet create a publicly vetted business plan that identifies the exact costs that Ohio will be mandated to appropriate or obligate for the nationwide broadband public safety network; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 130th General Assembly of the State of Ohio, respectfully urge the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology to include amendments to the law that would allow Ohio to opt-out of the nationwide broadband public safety network with no net costs; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 130th General Assembly of the State of Ohio, respectfully urge the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology to include amendments to the law that require FirstNet to provide full written assurances that communications provided by the nationwide broadband public safety network will meet and exceed the current level of service for Ohio's state and local public safety officers in the areas of reliability, redundancy, and state-based system control; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 130th General Assembly of the State of Ohio, respectfully urge the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology to include amendments to the law that require FirstNet to provide fair market compensation to Ohio for access and utilization of state-owned assets in support of the network's deployment; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 130th General Assembly of the State of Ohio, respectfully urge the United States Congress to reconsider the statute and appropriations creating FirstNet; and be if further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House

of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore and Secretary of the United States Senate, all members of the United States House of Representatives Energy and Commerce Committee, the members of the Ohio Congressional delegation, and the news media of Ohio.

Speaker _____ of the House of Representatives.

President _____ of the Senate.

Adopted _____, 20____