



Kansas **Cable Telecommunications** Association

Testimony in Support of SB 11

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My name is John Federico, of Federico Consulting, and I appear before you today on behalf of the Kansas Cable Telecommunications Association in support of SB 11.

The KCTA is a statewide association representing the interests of telecommunication providers offering video, telephony and advanced broadband services in all four corners of the state and includes as members, Time Warner Cable, Cox Communications, Comcast, Eagle Communications, and CableOne, among others.

Like so many other businesses, cable companies, both large and small, in both rural and urban areas of the state, have been plagued by the issue you are trying to address in SB 11. As we have testified at almost every legislative hearing tackling this issue, the cost of repair and the disruption of service to our customers is more than a nuisance, and has developed into a significant industry-wide problem for my members.

We fully support the language of SB11 and respectfully offer an amendment to further assure that our providers and their materials are protected with the passage of the legislation. On page 8, Subsection (b)(7), we ask that you consider inserting the words "*cable or video service facility*" after the words "telecommunications facility."

Thank you Mr. Chairman, and members of the Committee. I am happy to stand for questions.