



**Proponent Written Testimony on HB 2061
by Darin Miller, Vice President/State Director, AT&T – Kansas
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Chair Humphries, Vice Chair Williams, Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to offer AT&T Kansas' testimony in support of HB 2061. Maintaining uninterrupted and high-quality service for our customers is a top priority. Simply put, trespass, which accompanies theft and vandalism, of critical communications infrastructure is a serious matter that disrupts essential services for our customers, public safety and the community at large.

We ask that you also consider an amendment to include "cell towers, small cell wireless facilities, and equipment cabinets," among the definition of critical infrastructure facilities.

Trespass involving the illegal removal of copper cable can disrupt network operations and impact service in a community, creating significant issues for residents, businesses, law enforcement and emergency services. When these acts of trespass, theft and vandalism occur, it impacts our customers' ability to connect both voice and broadband services.

This legislation is important and AT&T requests your vote in support. I also encourage you to ask your constituents to help local law enforcement find those responsible for copper theft. People with information can remain anonymous and should call local law enforcement or the AT&T Asset Protection Hotline Group at (800) 807-4205.

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