



Thank you Chairman Nofs, Vice Chairman Proos and Vice Chairman Hopgood and the members of the Senate Energy and Technology Committee for the opportunity to speak with you today regarding HB 4314 H-2 and the related amendments.

Frontier Communications is the largest pure rural telecommunications provider in the US with in excess of 14,000 employees operating in 27 states. Michigan is the fourth largest state in the Frontier service area, measured in access lines, and Frontier has over 500 active employees in Michigan. Frontier operates six region offices in Michigan including Muskegon, Adrian, Alpena, Mt. Pleasant, Three Rivers, and Imlay City.

Modernization of the Michigan Telecommunications Act is critical to bring increased investment to Michigan for Frontier. HB 4314 H-2 makes substantial progress in leveling the playing field between technologies and providers, eliminating unnecessary and costly regulation, and protecting Michigan consumers.

Frontier Communications supports HB 4314 H-2 and several amendments. Several of the amendments Frontier is neutral or does not support.

FRONTIER SUPPORTS AMENDMENTS:

1. Change to Section 102(Z) to remove reference to "total service long run incremental cost". (AT&T)
2. Section 304(9) Delete VNXX workgroup (MPSC)
3. Section 305a Clarifying amendment

4. Section 305b(A) Clarifying amendments

FRONTIER DOES NOT SUPPORT AMENDMENTS:

1. Restore sections 305b (a) and (b) regarding customer notification for the purchase of services. (Attorney General)
2. Restore section 5012(1)(b) regarding cramming. (Attorney General)
3. Add a New Section 401(3). (AT&T)
4. Add new subsection 401(3) (MCTA)
5. Amend Section 202 (1) (B) (2) (MITA)
6. Sec 401 Internet Protocol (Verizon)

FRONTIER IS NEUTRAL ON AMENDMENTS:

1. Change to Section 304 to restore subsection (15), with one change. (AT&T)
2. Add a new section 305(c) to address battery back-up. (AT&T)
3. Change Section 313(3) to clarify procedure. (AT&T)
4. Section 103(2) Restore Competition Report with 2 year sunset (MPSC)

Thank you for the opportunity to talk with you today. I can now take any questions you may have.