



CITY OF AMARILLO

OFFICE OF THE
CITY MANAGER

February 5, 2007

Mr. Cameron Monroe
Regional Director External Affairs - AT&T
3120 Eddy Street
Amarillo, Texas 79106

Re: City of Amarillo, Texas Support for Texas Senate Bill 5

Dear Mr. Monroe:

Please accept this correspondence confirming our support from the City of Amarillo related to the existing Texas Senate Bill 5. As you know, Senate Bill 5 became law on September 7, 2005. On September 8, 2005 a Federal lawsuit was filed (*Texas Cable and Telecommunications Association v P. U. C. Commissioners*) challenging provisions of this Bill. The City of Amarillo, through its membership and coalition activities with the Texas Municipal League, promoted counter-arguments against the validity of this lawsuit. The City was pleased that the Federal Court dismissed this lawsuit in September 2006 based on procedural grounds.

It is our understanding the Texas Cable and Communications Association, on January 25, 2007, appealed the lower court dismissal of this lawsuit to the U. S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. Please be advised the City of Amarillo, once again through the Texas Municipal League Legal Services Department, will continue to support the existing, enacted Senate Bill 5 and will cooperate with future counter-arguments related to preventing the reversal of the lower court dismissal of this lawsuit.

Sincerely,

Alan M. Taylor
City Manager