

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the federal government to consider  
2 leasing federal land for the location of cell phone towers and other communication  
3 infrastructure in Kentucky.

4 WHEREAS, Kentucky's topography varies from the mountains of eastern Kentucky  
5 to the alluvial bottomland of western Kentucky, which creates challenges for building  
6 infrastructure in certain parts of the state; and

7 WHEREAS, according to the United States Census Bureau, in 2015, Kentucky was  
8 ranked the fifth-poorest state in the nation with a median household income of \$45,215  
9 and an individual poverty rate of 18.5 percent; and

10 WHEREAS, state-of-the-art communication infrastructure is essential to the daily  
11 lives of all Kentucky citizens and their local communities; and

12 WHEREAS, as of 2015, the federal government owns 1,093,687 acres of land in  
13 Kentucky; and

14 WHEREAS, Kentucky faces serious communication infrastructure issues due to its  
15 multifarious topography and poor economic status;

16 NOW, THEREFORE,

17 ***Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the***  
18 ***Commonwealth of Kentucky, the Senate concurring therein:***

19 ➔Section 1. The Kentucky General Assembly urges the United States Department  
20 of Interior, the United States Department of Agriculture, the United States Department of  
21 Defense, and the United States Congress to consider ways to improve communication  
22 infrastructure, such as granting leasehold interests in federal land for the location of cell  
23 phone towers and other communication infrastructure in Kentucky.

24 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives shall send a copy of this  
25 Resolution and notification of its adoption to the President of the United States of  
26 America, the United States Secretary of Interior, the United States Secretary of  
27 Agriculture, United States Secretary of Defense, and the members of the Congressional

1 delegation for Kentucky.