

Opportunity and prosperity for all

## Please Oppose HB 1587 -"Local Government Fair Competition Act"

Like access to electricity in the 20th century, affordable access to communications technology and broadband internet in the 21<sup>st</sup> century is critical for our state to progress.

For communities that do not have access to modern communications services from for profit corporations, the only hope of gaining access is through services provided by local governments. Unfortunately, HB 1587, and its unfairly burdensome provisions, will make it impossible for any local government to offer needed broadband internet services to its citizens.

We urge you to help promote access to modern communications and broadband internet for all North Carolinians and oppose House Bill 1587.

Thank you for your consideration of this important issue.

Sincerely,

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