



# The Research Bureau

## **Testimony on HB2930 An Act Modernizing Telephone Regulations and Encouraging Economic Growth**

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We applaud efforts by the Legislature and the Administration to address reforms in transportation, pensions, health care, and regionalism, including your landmark work on municipal health care reform. The proposal before you for Massachusetts to join forty other states that have pre-empted state regulation of wireless services supports other efforts by the Legislature to streamline permitting and sunset regulations that are obsolete or superfluous. All of these efforts will likely reduce costs and facilitate the ease with which businesses can conduct business in the Commonwealth.

The wireless industry has shown it has tremendous capacity to innovate and partner with others to bring new technologies and ideas to improve health care, education, government services, and other important industries. This is exactly the type of government reform we need to make Massachusetts a leader in the innovation economy. The Research Bureau asks that you support this proposal that would likely attract businesses rather than discouraging them from expanding or relocating here.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

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