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The Honorable Governor Rick Scott  
Office of the Governor  
Florida State Capitol  
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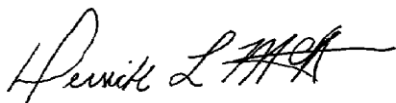
Dear Governor Scott:

On behalf of our more than 175,000 members and the numerous communities across the state of Florida that we serve, I am writing to urge you to sign House Bill 1231, The Florida Regulatory Reform Act, into law. This legislation is life changing for people living in Florida low income and minority communities as it will infuse these communities with broadband investment that will provide Florida citizens with better access to healthcare, education and jobs.

Broadband technology, especially wireless broadband technology, is the key to bringing advancement and opportunity to all Florida citizens. HB 1231 will provide thousands of jobs and bring millions of dollars in state-of-the-art wireless broadband investment to communities that need it most. Massive investment in wireless broadband technologies will stimulate new job creation by giving underserved neighborhoods the tools to promote economic development through the establishment of minority owned businesses that hire locally and will provide people living in low income neighborhoods with opportunity for advancement.

As you know, Florida's economy is in desperate need of the jobs and investment that this legislation has to offer. And with so many Florida citizens struggling today, HB 1231 could be a real turning point that will help them better their lives. So for the sake of our future and the future of our children, I ask that you sign this critical piece of legislation into law.

Sincerely,



Reverend Derrick L. McRae  
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