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**Members of the PA Partnership for 5G to Meet with Legislators
in Harrisburg in Support of House Bill 2564**

HARRISBURG, PA – Members of the Pennsylvania Partnership for 5G, a business and technology advocacy group supporting the deployment of 5G infrastructure throughout the commonwealth, will be meeting with legislators in Harrisburg on October 15 and 16 to voice their support for H.B. 2564, the Small Wireless Facilities Deployment Act.

Representatives from Accelerate PA, Crown Castle, and the Pennsylvania Wireless Association, will meet with legislators to encourage swift action of the bill. H.B. 2564, sponsored by Rep. Frank Farry (R-Bucks), would create a legislative framework for the deployment of small cell nodes, the backbone by which 5G technology will be supported.

5G technology will dramatically improve the way we communicate, with connections at least 40 times faster and four times greater capacity than 4G LTE. Moreover, autonomous vehicle technology, robotic deliveries, first responder networks, traffic flow solutions, and other data-driven services will require 5G to operate efficiently.

H.B. 2564, like the FCC's recent proposal, ensures the U.S. is ready for 5G technology. The bill would set standards for fees, provide a streamlined permitting process and encourage an environment which enables small cell deployment.

"The FCC's proposed order reinforces the need for the U.S. to take larger and quicker steps to ensure our nation is 5G-ready and in a position to remain competitive globally," said Kelly Lewis, founder of Accelerate PA. "It's imperative that Pennsylvania puts itself on an equal playing field with the 21 other states that have already adopted legislation to encourage small cell deployment."

According to various studies, 5G technology will help create 3 million new jobs, \$500 billion in GDP and \$275 billion in private investment. Meanwhile, the 5G infrastructure market is estimated to reach \$2.86 billion by 2020, before reaching \$33.72 billion by 2026.¹

"Countries like China have already outspent the U.S. by more than \$20 billion in just the past three years in their investment of 5G infrastructure. The PWA, as well as nearly 30 members of the Partnership, are committed to working with all stakeholders to ensure the final bill is uniform, transparent, and predictable," added Barb Burba, CEO of Amerisite Wireless Development LLC and Vice President of the PWA.

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¹ Research and Markets: "5G Infrastructure Market - Global Forecast to 2026"

About the PA Partnership for 5G

The Pennsylvania Partnership for 5G aims to educate different sectors about 5G technology and the infrastructure it requires. The Partnership brings together various leaders from a diverse set of industries and constituencies to help forge a technologically progressive Pennsylvania.

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