

# ***PROTEC***

## **The Michigan Coalition to Protect Public Rights-of-Way**

June 3, 2021

Governor Gretchen Whitmer  
P.O. Box 30013  
Lansing, Michigan 48909  
Re: **Michigan Broadband Task Force**

Dear Governor Whitmer,

As Mayors of Dearborn, Livonia and Southfield, we write asking you to include our Telecommunications and Broadband (BB) Consortium known as PROTEC <https://www.protec-mi.org/>, by its General Counsel, Michael Watza, as a member of your BB Task Force.

We ask this in order that municipalities have input into this State's BB plans. Municipalities were most recently identified in **President Biden's American Jobs Plan**, as an integral component of the future of BB and we submit that as such, Michigan's BB Task Force should certainly include our expert representative.

We offer the attached outline of PROTEC's recent presentation to the Task Force, as well as the CV of PROTEC's General Counsel, to underscore our representative's expertise and answer why PROTEC should be included as a permanent member of the BB Task Force.

Thank you for your time and attention to this issue.

Respectfully,



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Mayor \_\_\_\_\_ Dearborn



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Mayor \_\_\_\_\_ Livonia



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Mayor \_\_\_\_\_ Southfield

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