



CITY OF CLEVELAND
Mayor Frank G. Jackson

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MEDIA ALERT

Mayor Frank G. Jackson Announces Lawsuit Opposing Ohio Senate Bill 331

City is one of 80 municipalities challenging unregulated wireless equipment in public spaces

CLEVELAND, Ohio –[Mayor Frank G. Jackson](#) is hosting a press conference today at 11:00 a.m. addressing a lawsuit to be filed by the [City of Cleveland](#) against the State of Ohio. Cleveland, along with more than 80 municipalities today are filing separate suits challenging [Ohio Senate Bill 331](#) (S.B. 331). In effect on March 21, the bill attempts to prevent Cleveland and other Ohio municipalities from regulating the commercial installation of cell wireless equipment in public spaces. Mayor Jackson strongly opposes this amendment as it raises serious questions concerning local government rights, constitutional authority, and control of City property..

WHO: Mayor Frank G. Jackson, City of Cleveland Chief Counsel Gary Singletary, Mayors Anthony Togliatti of Independence and Mayor Richard Bain of Pepper Pike (both are filing separate suits today on their municipalities' behalf)

WHAT: Mayor Jackson will announce details of the suit and help the public understand potential ramifications of the new law.

WHEN: Monday, March 20 at 11:00 a.m. (TODAY)

WHERE: Cleveland City Hall
601 Lakeside Avenue, Mayor's Office, 2nd Floor
Cleveland, Ohio 44114

WHY: S.B. 331 affects the public right of way. Under the bill any number of commercial wireless companies could potentially attempt to place small cell related wireless equipment on City sidewalks, streets, traffic signals, light poles, signs, etc., and municipalities would have restricted ability to object or regulate the placement. Mayor Jackson and the City believe the enactment of S.B. 331 is a violation of the Ohio Constitution and a serious matter concerning control of the City's right of way.

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