

Rep. Sloan at FCC Advisory Committee

Rep. Tom Sloan (R, Lawrence) participated in the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Intergovernmental Affairs Committee (IAC) meeting. Sloan is serving his second two-year term on the Committee.

FCC Commissioners and staff made presentations on Cell Tower Safety, 911-Service Reliability Enforcement, Prison Inmate communications opportunities and costs, and the FCC's rural broadband deployment support efforts.

"Ensuring that all Kansans have access to high speed Internet services (broadband) for work, school, and recreation opportunities is important to our State's economic future," said Sloan. "The digital divide, where people in large urban areas have gigabit broadband capabilities and the people of rural areas are without reasonable broadband at affordable prices, condemns those without to second class education and economic opportunities."

Sloan recently had an article published in the November/December issue of Broadband Communities in which he emphasized the value to small town businesses and community survival of rural residents having broadband capabilities.

Rep. Sloan is Vice Chairman of the Kansas House of Representatives' Vision 2020 Committee, a member of the U.S. Department of Energy-created GridWise Architecture Council, and a frequent speaker at national meetings on energy, telecommunications, and water policy technologies and issues.

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