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LAWMAKERS: STATE POLICY FALLING BEHIND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES

State policies have not kept pace with technological advances over the past five years, according to the results of a survey of Ohio lawmakers.

Not one of the 36 lawmakers responding to the [Technology for Ohio's Tomorrow survey](#) said policy has kept up with changes in the industry.

Legislators also raised concerns about a need for more research and development of new technology, broadband deployment and shifting the manufacturing sector to focus on new technology.

By a 19-13 margin, responding lawmakers said the state should not regulate the wireless and broadband industries more closely.

Nearly 95% of respondents said they have used e-mail to communicate with constituents and two-thirds say they use social networking sites like Facebook, MySpace and Twitter ([follow Gongwer here](#)) to interact with people in their districts.

Nearly all lawmakers who responded said they use a mobile communications device, largely for e-mail and text messaging.

Technology for Ohio's Tomorrow has an advisory council that includes communication firms, higher education, health organizations and the Ohio Chamber of Commerce. It has 3,000 supporters from almost 300 Ohio cities.

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