



CAUSA, INC.

Founded in 1975, CAUSA, Inc. is the state's largest coalition of Latinos community-based organizations.

CAUSA is dedicated to enhancing the general well being of the Hispanic/Latino population in Connecticut with special emphasis on Advocacy, Research and Technical Assistance through and with its member agencies.

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The Honorable John W. Fonfara, Co-Chair
The Honorable Vickie Orsini Nardello, Co-Chair
Energy and Technology Committee
Room 3900, Legislative Office Building
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Senator Fonfara and Representative Nardello:

I am writing to express CAUSA's opposition to HR 6608, An Act Concerning Consumer Protection in Telecommunications Companies. We believe this legislation is unnecessary and would be bad for Connecticut consumers.

Consumers today enjoy a wide variety of choices when it come to selecting their phone, TV, Internet or wireless providers. This competition ensures that customers will receive excellent value, because if they don't, they'll switch their business to another competing company.

AT&T, for instance, has invested \$850 million in its Connecticut network from 2006 – 2007 in an effort to provide the best service for their customers. It's this type of competition, not excessive government regulation, that benefits consumers.

I would also expect that companies would think twice about investing in Connecticut if they are faced with the unnecessary regulations of HR 6608. This would be especially troublesome during the current economic crisis when the state is desperate for new jobs and investment.

Please help keep competition alive in Connecticut by putting consumers first and opposing HR 6608.

Sincerely,

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cc: Magali Kupfer, President