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March 3, 2009

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 & Representative Nardello:

The *Bridgeport Regional Business Council*, a regional business membership association representing 1,000 businesses, would like to go on record as opposed to HR 6608 because it unfairly places unnecessary regulations on AT&T while leaving most of its competitors from the cable industry unaffected.

Already, AT&T's biggest competitors aren't subject to DPUC rules and regulations, thereby threatening the competitive telecommunications market in Connecticut that has given consumers so much choice. HR 6608 would further tip the scales against AT&T's favor by ignoring most of the cable companies.

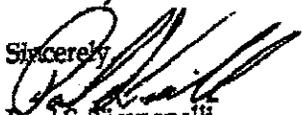
Rules and regulations that don't apply to all providers are unfair and not in the best interests of the consumers. They don't offer a consistent set of rules which consumers can rely upon and give some companies a unfair competitive advantage.

Healthy, fair competition is what's best for Connecticut consumers, not unfair regulations like HR 6608.

We believe that your foremost duty, particularly during these very difficult economic times, is to not burden those business that produce jobs in our state and not to lay in the way of that job creation added regulation that to make them non-competitive.

Please reject HR 6608 as bad for business.

Sincerely,


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Bridgeport Regional Business Council