



STATEMENT OF AT&T CONNECTICUT

Regarding Proposed Senate Bill No. 600 An Act Concerning Telecommunications Providers' Subscriber Lists Before the Committee on Energy and Technology February 10, 2009

Proposal:

Proposed Senate Bill No. 600 would require any certified telecommunications company to provide subscriber information for any customer who wishes to be listed in a telephone directory to a directory publisher.

Comments:

AT&T understands the intent of the bill's sponsor and the issue which the legislation seeks to address: specifically ensuring that customers of all providers of voice services have the opportunity to have their listing information included in a telephone directory if they so choose.

As one of the largest telephone directory publishers in the country, AT&T works closely with other telecommunications carriers to publish listing information on their customers. We regularly receive listing information from the many carriers doing business in the state and publish that information in our directories. However, not all carriers provide such information to AT&T and other publishers. For example, some VoIP-based carriers, including some cable companies providing voice services, do not provide such information to AT&T. Because these carriers are not "certified telecommunications carriers" under the law, the language described in the proposed bill would not address the issue raised by the bill's sponsor as AT&T understands it.

In order to address the issue raised by the bill's sponsor and to ensure that such requirements apply to providers of voice services who are not certified telecommunications providers, AT&T recommends that the committee use the attached language as an alternative. We believe that, as proposed by AT&T, it would address the sponsor's intent.

Conclusion:

AT&T works with other telecommunications providers today to have their customers' listing information appear in our directories. The attached proposed language provided to the committee should care for the issue raised by the sponsor by ensuring it applies to all providers of "voice" services; except wireless providers, not just certified telecommunications providers.

Proposed Senate Bill No. 600

AT&T Proposed Language:

Section XX (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2009) (a) a certified telecommunications provider or a company utilizing telephone numbers from the North American Number Planning Administration, except for Commercial Mobile Radio Service providers, shall arrange for the publication of its subscribers' Subscriber List Information (SLI) in a local telephone directory. This requirement shall not apply to subscribers who have specifically requested pursuant to the provider or company's terms and conditions that their SLI not be published. The provider or company shall furnish its SLI on a nondiscriminatory basis to all requesting directory publishers at pricing not to exceed levels established by the FCC. The SLI shall be offered as base file extracts and files of listing updates that shall be made available no less frequently than once a week.