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To: Chairmen Fonfara and Nardello, Ranking Members Witkos and Williams, and members of the Energy and Technology Committee

Re: **HB 5504 -- An Act Concerning Siting of Cell Phone Towers Near Schools**

Notwithstanding everyone in this State who is currently talking or texting on his or her cell phone, I urge you to prohibit the placement of cell towers within 750 feet of schools and day care centers.

Although the science may not be proven, the fears are pervasive. Parents are deeply concerned about the developmental health of their children due to the cell towers' electromagnetic fields and the safety hazard of the cell towers' fall line. In addition, environmentalists are concerned about the visual pollution of the cell towers and the commercialization of pristine open space when the structures are sited in the midst of natural settings.

The federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 does not allow health factors to be taken into account in the location of cell towers, and I realize that the Connecticut Siting Council has ultimate authority over and above local planning agencies.

However, **HB 5504** offers a viable, fair, reasonable and cautious compromise. It is said that it is our **choices** that show who we truly are. Your favorable consideration of this legislation – a good **choice** – would be truly appreciated. Thank you.