



**TESTIMONY OF S. DEREK PHELPS
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**SUBMITTED TO THE ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE,
IN REFERENCE TO
RAISED BILL NO. 461,
AAC SITING COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS AND DECISIONS**

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Good morning Senator Fonfara, Representative Nardello, ranking members, and distinguished members of the Energy and Technology Committee. My name is Derek Phelps; I am Executive Director of the Connecticut Siting Council.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide this testimony in connection with Raised Bill No. 461, AAC Siting Council Proceedings and Decisions.

Raised Bill No. 461, AAC Siting Council Proceedings and Decisions seeks to ensure that the Council avails itself to information about alternative technologies and local concerns before approving any new cell towers.

There are already numerous provisions in the existing statutory framework to facilitate municipal involvement and the Council routinely makes note of the different technologies available to provide cellular services. Still, this proposed legislation serves to clarify legislative intent and codify existing practice, and on that basis the Council has no objection to this proposed bill.

I would be pleased to take your questions.