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TO:
Rep Lonnie Reed and Members of the Committee

From: Tim Snider

Many of us in Branford and elsewhere in Connecticut have been alarmed at the proliferation of cell tower construction, and recent influx of applications for more.

In trying to make sense of this flurry of activity... in some of the states most sensitive historic and environmentally sensitive areas.... myself and others ask the Legislature to add special protections to the process and more even a demand for justification of this tower construction.

For example: Marthas Vinyard, faced with the prospect of towers around that special island... contracted to have a Distributed Antenna System (DAS) installed instead... where a relatively few golf bag sized units are attached to utility poles.. This then supplies telecom improvements to the island WITHOUT unsightly towers.

Here in CT: The CT SITING COUNCIL has approved DAS for the MERRITT PARKWAY.. protecting it from the visual impact of towers.

In Europe: other newer technologies are installed rather than older technology towers as are being proposed now for CT.

Please provide a way for our local government to have improved telecom without antiquated towers and systems..

We support SB 461 as proposed by Rep Reed and others

Sincerely yours,

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