



CT Association for United Spanish Action Testimony on SB 1024 "An Act Modernizing the State's Telecommunications Laws"

The Connecticut Association for United Spanish Action is pleased to offer this testimony in support of legislation pending passage in the Connecticut General Assembly.

"An Act Modernizing the State's Telecommunications Laws" - Bill Number 1024 - is landmark legislation that will begin the much needed modernization of Connecticut's telecommunications regulations.

I would like to share information about the Connecticut Association for United Spanish Action (CAUSA, Inc.), which has been serving the Hispanic and Latino population in Connecticut for over thirty years.

CAUSA, Inc. is dedicated to enhancing the general well being of the Hispanic and Latino population in Connecticut with special emphasis on advocacy, research and technical assistance through and with its member agencies.

CAUSA, Inc.'s member agencies work in the areas of education, health, elderly services, child care, HIV/AIDS, housing and economic development. Each year, these agencies serve more than 800,000 of the tri-state area's most underprivileged and vulnerable Latinos.

Since its inception, the CAUSA, Inc.'s mission has remained the same: to better meet the growing needs of the Hispanic community, to obtain a fair share of resources, and to help its member agencies to secure new resources.

It is with this as a backdrop that I come here to advocate for the passage of Bill Number 1024. This legislation is of interest to our member agencies throughout Connecticut because of its impact on economic development.

This bill eliminates excessive, inconsistent, and redundant telecommunications regulations. If we extrapolate out a bit, and apply the same regulatory modernization principles to regulations that currently affect other industries, Connecticut will begin to make substantial progress in revitalizing and further developing its economy.

Reducing the regulatory burden on business will have the effect of stimulating investment, attracting new businesses, and spurring job growth – all economic outcomes that Connecticut must achieve if it wants to remain competitive with other states.

We at CAUSA, Inc. are particularly concerned with the impact superfluous regulations have on discouraging job growth. Hispanic and Latino communities in Connecticut have been hard hit in this most recent economic downturn. CAUSA, Inc. is hopeful that this and additional regulatory modernization efforts will begin to stimulate job growth in the Hispanic and Latino communities.

Regulatory modernization like that embodied in Bill Number 1024 will rid the telecommunications industry of various burdensome regulations, leading to greater investment and hiring in that industry.

Bill Number 1024 will also serve as a template for additional regulatory modernization efforts.

We at CAUSA, Inc. look forward to the passage of Bill Number 1024 and similar legislation that enhances the prospects for economic development in Connecticut.

If you have any questions, please contact us at (860) 424-0077.