

WIRELESS INFRASTRUCTURE

Avoid the *Unnecessary Restrictions* of SB 833

SB 833 interferes with the Connecticut Siting Council and its 40-year history of performing to the highest of expectations, ensuring that valuable infrastructure is built with the maximum benefit and safety for all Connecticut residents.

SB 833 is Unnecessary for a Variety of Reasons:

- Pre-empted by federal law
- Conflicts with federal telecommunications policy
- Undermines the Council's preemptive authority
- Will make it harder for wireless companies to invest in Connecticut in order to improve the Service they provide to their customers

Wireless Towers are Critical for a State-of-the-Art Communications Network

- To build a cell tower, applicants already have to provide the Council with all necessary information to determine whether or not a proposed site will comply with FCC standards.
- The Telecommunications Act bars states from regulating the placement of cell towers on the basis of RF emissions or other purposes.
- Carriers already work closely with cities and towns to solicit their input.

SB 833 is Not Well Defined, and Could Prohibit the Building of a Cell Site Anywhere Useful

- The proposed legislation conflicts with federal policies regarding the development of a robust and reliable wireless network nationwide. For instance, in 2010, President Obama identified wireless telecommunications facilities as "critical national infrastructure."

**Keep Connecticut connected with
the best possible wireless service.
REJECT SB 833.**